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U.S. stand flexible on missiles -- Nitze

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (Agencies) — The United States is prepared if necessary to change its position in talks with the Soviet Union on European-based medium-range nuclear missiles, U.S. negotiator Paul Nitze said.

"I am confident that if it becomes wise for the United States government to change its position it will in fact do so," Nitze said Tuesday in an NBC television interview.

Speaking of medium-range nuclear missiles, under discussion in Geneva-based negotiations that will resume Jan. 27, Nitze added: "I have continued to support and believe in the basic U.S. position that the Soviet Union, Europe and the world would be better off if both sides were to forgo missiles of this class."

The administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan has said it would cancel its planned European deployment of 572 Pershing II and Cruise missiles later this year if the Soviet Union agreed to dismantle all its SS-20 missiles targeted on Europe.

The U.S. State Department Tuesday reaffirmed its adherence to the proposal known as the zero option, following an unequivocal rejection by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko during a press conference in Bonn.

Reagan has offered to forgo deployment of 575 new U.S. missiles in Europe under a mandate from NATO if the Soviets will dismantle their 340 SS-20 missiles aimed at Europe. The Soviets have offered sharp reductions in that missile force and transferring most of the remnant to Asia to win a reversal of the NATO decision.

Nitze said he would return to Geneva for resumption of missile talks, with the objective of achieving a fair and equitable agreement.



GUNNING FOR DEPOSITORS: It's not a youth displaying guns but Greg Bohlen, senior vice president of the Bank of Findlay, Illinois, shows Monday guns the bank is offering to certain depositors. A .357 Colt Python (top) and 22 caliber Colt Diamondback are given to people who agree to deposit \$2,500 for six years. The guns retail for about \$1,300. The depositor gets no additional interest.

Covering trade, defense Reagan, Nakasone say parley fruitful

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan, ending two days of talks with Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, said Wednesday that "nothing would better prove to the American people the good intentions of our Japanese trading partners than tangible progress" in dismantling Japan's trade barriers.

In departure statements outside the diplomatic entrance of the White House, the two leaders described their talks as fruitful, cordial, and constructive.

Yet he made clear that Japan is unwilling at the moment to go beyond the market-opening steps announced by Nakasone shortly before leaving Tokyo for Washington.

Reagan said he is pleased "that we have made some imprint on the first steps in the area of trade" and said the United States is "encouraged" by the measures Nakasone has taken to date "to further open Japan's markets."

"I'm aware of the political sensitivity in Japan on tariff reductions on a number of products as well as the prime minister's decision to conduct a comprehensive review of their standards of (import) certification systems," Reagan said.

"Yet nothing would better prove to the American people the good intentions of our Japanese trading partners than tangible progress in revising relevant Japanese certification laws and regulations to remove obstacles that have currently impaired some of our manufactured exports to Japan," he said.

Reagan announced that the two nations have agreed to set up a working group to study energy trade, apparently to explore the possibility of selling Japan oil from U.S. fields in Alaska.

And he said that Nakasone accepted an offer to include a Japanese specialist in the work of the U.S. space lab mission in 1988.

Nakasone, declaring that "solid cooperation between the United States and Japan is the corner stone of peace," announced that he has invited the president and Mrs. Reagan to visit Japan "at a time convenient to both of us."

"We confirmed that both Japan and the United States intend to share their responsibilities in ways appropriate to both countries," he said. "Frictions between our two countries can be solved by consultations between us. I am going back to Japan with satisfaction and confidence."

Gold breaks \$500 barrier

LONDON, Jan. 19 (R) — The dollar and gold were both in heavy demand on the financial markets Wednesday and the gold price rose above \$ 500 an ounce in London for the first time since last September.

Dealers said the dollar was particularly strong against the mark because of growing uncertainty over the outcome of West German elections next March, and this helped to depress the value of major currencies against the U.S. unit.

In rising to a midday fix in Frankfurt at 2.4158 marks, its highest point this year, from Tuesday's 2.3897, the dollar was also aided by frustration at the U.S. central bank's delay in making an expected cut in its key lending rate, they added.

These considerations are outweighing the swelling U.S. budget deficit, which had previously been pushing the dollar down, as a factor in the minds of currency traders, the sources said.

The gold market, which in the past has tended to fall when the dollar rises, began trading Wednesday at \$ 500.50 which was \$14 above its previous close.

Despite the apparent reluctance of the Federal Reserve Board to cut its lending rate, the gold market is still expecting interest rates to fall as governments try to hurry along a recovery in their economies, and this could lead to renewed inflation, dealers said.

Gold was also being supported by concern over the continuing international debt problem, as Yugoslavia has become the latest in a line of countries to seek outside help in financing its debts.

On the currency markets, the yen slipped to \$ 235.27 from 231.75 Tuesday and sterling was down at \$ 1.5705 from 1.5765.

But sterling rose against other currencies on the back of the dollar's advance. Its trade-weighted index showing the currency's value against a basket of major currencies rose to 82.3 percent of its 1975 level compared with its close Tuesday at 82 percent.

Iran unveils 'war budget'

LONDON, Jan. 19 (R) — Iran said Wednesday it intended to continue the Gulf war with Iraq with a "war budget" of \$4 billion in the year beginning March.

The national news agency fma quoted Prime Minister Hussein Mousavi as saying the government's annual budget proposals would soon go to the Majlis (parliament) for approval.

"The 350 billion rial (\$4 billion) war budget demonstrates the determination of our nation to continue the war and the importance given to the issue by the government," Mousavi said.

Tehran radio quoted him as saying the priority given to military spending showed that Iran would continue the 28-month-old war until final victory, which Tehran sees as the overthrow of the Iraqi Baathist government.

The proposed budget forecast total government income of \$33 billion with spending of \$14 billion on development projects and \$23 billion on current expenditure.

The reports did not indicate whether this included the proposed "war budget" or how Iran planned to finance its apparent deficit. Budgeted military expenditure for the current year was also not available.

Mousavi said the government had also earmarked more than \$1 billion to rebuild areas destroyed by Iraq during the war. Most of the budget will be financed by revenues from Iran's oil exports, currently 2.5 million barrels a day.

Iran has captured almost all the land occupied by Iraq in the early days of the war, and Western analysts believe future military duels may take place inside Iraqi territory.

Iranian military leaders said recently they were planning a major invasion of Iraq to force a settlement.

S. Africa resumes Namibia rule

WINDHOEK, South-West Africa, Jan. 19 (AP) — South Africa resumed direct rule in South-West Africa Wednesday, ending the territory's three-year experiment in limited self-government.

South African Administrator General Danie Hough dissolved the national assembly at midnight Tuesday. The ministerial council stopped functioning at the same time, following the resignation of chairman Jirk Mudge.

Hough announced that he had assumed both executive and legislative duties for the territory.

Hough said the changes would not affect moves towards independence for South-West Africa — also known as Namibia. He said South Africa placed a high premium on independence for the territory under internationally accepted arrangements.

South Africa, the United States, Britain, France, West Germany and Canada, and some black African countries, are negotiating to end South African control of the territory, which stems from a league of nations mandate issued after World War I.

A United Nations-supervised transition to independence failed to begin as scheduled last year, and some black African leaders say the talks are stalemated. White-ruled South Africa has for years rejected U.N. calls for it to withdraw and hand Namibia over to majority rule.

Mudge and the ministerial council had held limited executive powers since June, 1981, following South African-sponsored elections. But key governmental functions, including defense, had remained under South African administration.

Analysts said the resumption of direct South African rule signified little beyond the failure of South Africa's attempt to establish a multi-racial Namibian government that could win international respect.

Mudge, one of 70,000 whites among 1 million Namibians, led the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance, a party including both blacks and whites.

Charles cooed but discreetly

NEW YORK, Jan. 19 (AP) — In 12 years of service to Prince Charles in the morning, the former royal valet, Stephen Barry, says he found the future king of England very discreet in his relations with women. Barry wrote in *Royal Service*, his account of life as Charles' personal valet from 1970 to 1982. An excerpt from the book, scheduled for spring publication, appears in February's *Good Housekeeping* magazine.

"The relationships he did have were arranged with the most enormous discretion," Barry said. "One thing sure, the prince's girl friends would never have talked ... bad they so much as whispered a boast of their special place in the prince's affections ... hostesses would have crossed their names off guest lists."

In social contacts on his travels, the prince got on well with older women, such as Princess Grace of Monaco and Nancy Reagan, Barry said. Charles met Mrs. Reagan first during a trip here in 1977. "We returned to the States again in 1981 and again he met Nancy Reagan and once again he was very taken with her. He likes bright, intelligent older women and Mrs. Reagan qualified on all counts," Barry said.

Barry joined the royal household in 1966 at 18 as a footman at \$56 a month, plus room, board and clothes. He became Charles' valet in 1970, when both men were 21, and resigned last spring. A London tabloid said Princess Diana was behind his leaving.

Barry describes Charles as "very careful with his money. He doesn't like to spend it and he means about the price of everything."



Prince Charles

Israel to insist on manning vigil units

TEL AVIV, Jan. 19 (AP) — Israel said Wednesday it would insist on its own personnel operating early-warning stations in Lebanon for a number of years or until Lebanon and Israel signed a peace treaty.

The statement came from Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir after five hours of talks spread over two days with U.S. special envoy Philip C. Habib, who is trying to speed up the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon. Shamir was to meet Habib again later Wednesday.

Interviewed on Israel radio, Shamir was asked whether there was any chance Israel would agree to American personnel manning the early-warning stations in light of strong Syrian and Lebanese resistance to a prolonged Israeli presence on Lebanese soil.

"We did not present this demand and include this condition in the security arrangements in order to abandon it," said Shamir.

He said Israel's presence at the monitoring stations would be temporary. "There is a possibility that it will last until a peace treaty is signed between Israel and Lebanon, or there is a possibility of it lasting a number of years," he said.

Israeli news reports said Habib had proposed that Americans operate an early-warning station at Jebel Barouk, a mountain peak more than 6,000 feet (2,000 meters) high southeast of Beirut. But Shamir denied that an American presence was being discussed.

U.K. press flays Franks report

LONDON, Jan. 19 (AP) — The official Franks report Tuesday clearing the British government of responsibility for the Falklands war failed to convince newspaper commentators here.

The daily *Telegraph* editorialized: "Lord Franks' praise is so faint as to be damning when one looks at the whole course of policy toward the Falklands over the past 15 years."

"Instead of either defending the islands, or arranging frankly to give them away, successive governments twisted and turned."

"A Foreign Office full of misconceptions, given a free hand by prime ministers who should have known better, made the Argentine adventure possible."

The *Daily Mirror*'s leading article said: "The Franks committee has cleared the government of blame for the Falklands invasion. But it has done so against all its own evidence. We are back where we were, but 250 dead Britons later. Is there to be another Franks committee in a few years' time saying again nothing could be done to prevent another tragedy?"

The *Daily Mail* commented: "Those responsible for securing the safety of the Falklands ... were acting in the desultory tradition established by previous governments, both Labor and Tory, over decades."

The *Sun* said: "The committee is also right to give attention to the ignoble role played by the Foreign Office."

Boy downs plane

ABU DHABI, Jan. 19 (AP) — A boy was reported Tuesday to have downed a pesticide-spray plane by a rock.

"When the projectile came into the path of the low-flying plane, it actually penetrated the wing because of the air-craft's own momentum," the newspaper *Al-Khaleej* explained.

The plane, owned by the United Arab Emirates of Dubai's agricultural health department, subsequently lost balance and was forced into an emergency landing, the newspaper said.

The rock-throwing peasant boy escaped from the scene and could not be apprehended by the enraged pilot, it added.

Halley's Comet 'sighted' anew

PARIS, Jan. 19 (AFP) — Halley's Comet, one of the most celebrated phenomena in astronomy, last seen in 1910, has been "sighted" again as a string of dots in the sky — indicating it will soon be visible from earth again.

Halley's Comet was first recorded by Chinese astronomers 4,600 years ago, but it was not until the 17th century that english scientist Edmund Halley calculated that it approaches the earth every 76 years.

It will be most clearly visible again from earth Feb. 9, 1986, scientists calculate, when it comes nearest to the sun and shines brightly.

There are numerous space programs to discover more about this historic comet, often depicted by artists in the Middle Ages as a blob of light with a fiery tail.

The European space agency plans to launch a space probe with an Ariane rocket in July 1985 which will go within 300 kms of the comet's core.

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'Superdad' cool to distress despite 20 kids, wife and friend

LONDON, Jan. 19 (AP) — Living is tough enough for a man with one wife and 10 kids. But with two families, in two houses, with 20 kids?

"It isn't easy," admits John Knight, a 46-year-old who has been dubbed "superdad" by the British press and has fended off critics of his state-supported, prolific existence since the mid-1960s.

Knight has 11 children by his wife of 20 years, Carole. One has left home, making a family unit of husband, wife and 10 children.

He also has nine children by his friend of 18 years, Claire Martines, and has set up a separate home for them, joined by an extra child Mrs. Martines brought along from an earlier marriage to one of Knight's friends.

They all live in two homes within 10 miles (16 kilometers) of each other in the market town of Doublebois, Cornwall, in rural southwest England.

There was public outrage last month when the local district housing committee spent 30,000 pounds (\$48,000) to move Knight's wife and their 10 children into a modern house in Doublebois.

That left Mrs. Martines and the rest of the family in a primitive stone cottage on Bodmin Moor, where the entire clan had lived in two nearby cottages for the past two decades.

The partial move into town, the 325 pounds (\$520) a week Knight's family receives in welfare and his two wives have infuriated the straight-laced farming community.

David and Amy Stubbs, the Knight's new neighbors, organized a campaign to lower the taxable value of homes in Doublebois because they felt the Knights' arrival signalled decay.

Local newspapers carried letters expressing disgust, some suggesting the Knights undergo sterilization. But Knight and the local welfare council are unrepentant.

"The obscene letters and the press attention over the move are unfair," Knight was quoted as telling the *Plymouth Western Morning News*. "I'm seriously thinking of ways to support my family."

As proof, he said, he did not claim his 75-pound (\$120) unemployment check in early January because he charges out-of-town reporters 200 pounds (\$320) a session for interviews. That, he said, "cuts down the hassle and pays my bills at the same time."

Knight has not had a paid job since he quit a government clerical post several years ago. "I'm not lazy though," he said in the newspaper interview. The burly, bearded patriarch moves between his two houses twice a week to share his attentions with his 36-year-old wife and his friend, 41.

Before the December move, he said, he spent most of his time chopping firewood and carrying water, on backyard springs since neither of his family's two-bedroom stone cottages had running water or electricity.

"The Knights are just as entitled to support as other needing families," Tony Maycock, a housing officer for the Caraden District Council, told the Associated Press in a telephone interview.

"Moving them was perfectly routine. Without adequate sewerage their cottage was unquestionably unfit for human habitation."

Housing committee chairman Joyce Crabh added: "Everybody who knows the Knights says they are a very nice family, polite and well-spoken, not layabouts. The children have been brought up well." The Knights have no car and no television.

Knight has said his "first" family had mixed feelings about moving from their cottage to a five-bedroom modern house, even though they gained toilets, hot water and electric lights. "We're now a family broken in two halves," he told the *Morning News*.

His wife explained in the same interview, "It's awful for Claire and the others to be stuck 10 miles out on the moor with us living in this lovely new home."

After divorcing one of Knight's friends, by whom she had five children, Mrs. Martines moved in with the Knights in 1965, she has said. She split her part of the family off into a second cottage after she and Mrs. Knight each gave birth to two children.

German minister arrives on 3-day visit

RIYADH, Jan. 19 (SPA) — West German Posts, Telegraph and Telephone Minister Dr. Christian Schwarz-Schilling has arrived here on a three-day visit to Saudi Arabia. He was greeted at the airport Tuesday by PTT Minister Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal, and other senior officials.

Dr. Schwarz-Schilling said he would discuss with Dr. Kayyal the means of developing technological cooperation between the two countries. He added that during his stay in the Kingdom, he will also follow up work being done by West German firms.

In a similar statement, Dr. Kayyal reviewed projects carried out to the Kingdom with West German technical knowhow, including the construction of the post offices in Riyadh, Jeddah and Dammam, in addition to telecommunication programs.



Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal

Yemeni team tours Saudi phone H.Q.

JEDDAH, Jan. 19 — Minister of Posts, Telegraph and Telephone Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal received a delegation from North Yemen at the headquarters of Saudi Telephone in the Mursalat area of Riyadh.

The delegation, headed by Ahmed Muhammad Al-Ansi, North Yemeni Minister of Transportation toured the Saudi Telephone complex with stops at the headquarters building, the computer data center, the Telecommunications and Broadcasting Training Institute and the Mursalat Exchange Building.

The visitors also toured the areas of Saudi Telephone that exemplify the Kingdom's recent advancements in telecommunication. At the computer data center, one of the largest computer installations in the Middle East, Kayyal pointed out how the center functions as the focal point for many of Saudi Telephone's administrative activities and how enormous savings in man-hours result when compared to the old system.

In a fraction of the time previously taken, the computer can issue customer bills, monitor accounts payable, update personnel records and obtain network inputs.

The delegation also visited the ultra-modern national network control center where skilled Saudi Arabian operators control and monitor the status of the entire Saudi Telephone national and international telephone networks.

The Yemeni Minister congratulated the Kingdom on its telecommunication networks and hoped that his country will develop a comparable system in the next few years in order to serve the needs of its citizens.



Dr. Christian Schwarz-Schilling

Merchant banking talk delivered

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Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Jan. 19 — Ralph Wynniatt-Husey of the project and corporate finance department, Al Bank Al-Saudi Al-Fransi spoke on merchant banking in the Kingdom at a luncheon meeting of Riyadh International Businessmen's Association at the Hotel Al Khazama Wednesday.

The role of banks in the syndication of loans, promotion of joint ventures and other aspects of merchant banking division was discussed. The talk was followed by a lively questions-and-answers session. Ian J. Sutherland-Brown of the King Khaled Eye Specialist Hospital introduced the speaker and proposed a vote of thanks.

The Riyadh International Businessmen's Association, started a couple of years ago, meets the third Wednesday of each month. The luncheon meeting is always followed by a talk on the Kingdom by a guest speaker.

Kingdom presents U.N. with Holy Kaaba door curtain

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 19 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia Tuesday presented the curtain of the door of the Holy Kaaba as a gift to the United Nations, symbolizing profound spiritual values and human brotherhood.

The curtain was presented to U.N. Secretary General Javier Peres de Cuellar by Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Washington Faisal Alhagelan.

It was unveiled in the large hall next to the General Assembly chamber in a ceremony attended by representatives from all Arab and Islamic groups, including the Muslim World League (MWL), Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), the Arab League, the Palestine Liberation Organization and all Arab ambassadors.

In presenting the curtain, Alhagelan said: "In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate, on behalf of King Fahd, his government and the people of Saudi Arabia, I have the honor to present the curtain of the door of the Holy Kaaba as a gift to the United Nations."

"We solemnly believe that this is an appropriate gift to the United Nations because of the commonality between the spiritual teachings of Islam and the principles embodied in the charter of this great organization. Both give the utmost value to justice, equality and universal brotherhood," Alhagelan added.

"This gift is an intricate symbol of human civilization and of the brotherhood of men. It is a testimony to the profound spiritual values, traditions and achievements, not only of the people of Saudi Arabia but of Muslims all around the world."

"It is also reaffirmation of our commitment to the noble principles upon which the United Nations was established — and we have the honor of being one of its founders — and also as an expression of our hope that these principles will continue to guide us all in our pursuit of a just and permanent peace."



Faisal Alhagelan

for all mankind," Alhagelan said.

Speaking on the same occasion, de Cuellar said "it is great privilege to receive this unique gift to the United Nations."

"I am sure I express the feelings of the entire membership of this organization, to whom this house belongs, to convey to King Fahd our gratitude for this striking demonstration of Saudi Arabia's high regard for the mission and ideas of the U.N.," de Cuellar said.

"The presentation of this magnificent curtain which has hung over the door of the Holy Kaaba has a very special meaning both for the Islamic peoples and for all members of this organization."

"For in Islam we see how bonds of unity have been established among peoples with differences of race, language, geographical borders or political alignments. It is this sense of unity and of human equality, together with the shared aspiration for peace, which allies the peoples of Islam to the ideals of the charter of the United Nations."

Gulf Education Bureau concludes deliberations

RIYADH, Jan. 19 (SPA) — The board of the Gulf Education Bureau held a final meeting here Wednesday to endorse a number of resolutions and recommendations. The four-day meeting was attended by representatives of Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Oman.

Parley to examine Islamic culture

RIYADH, Jan. 19 (SPA) — The board of directors of the International Institute for Studies, Social Affairs and Labor will meet in Geneva next Tuesday.

During the gathering the contribution of Islamic culture towards civilization and the possibility of formulating an international economic system based on the Islamic Sharia (divine law) will be discussed.

Taxi drivers in all traffic divisions being informed about fare meter operation in effect immediately

JEDDAH, Jan. 19 — The General Department of Traffic has issued directives to the traffic divisions in Riyadh, Jeddah, Taif, Madinah and Makkah to inform taxi drivers in these towns to start operating their meters immediately as soon as the installation of such meters in all taxis is completed by drivers in these towns.

The directive calls on traffic officers to follow up on the contents of the directives and take action against any violators in accordance with the law.

Al-Bilad reported the price of the meters was drawn up following extensive studies by the Ministry of Communications Agency for Transport and the General Department of

Mexican ministers leave after talks with Yamani

By Philip Shehadi

JEDDAH, Jan. 19 — Visiting Mexican Energy Minister Dr. Eliseo Mendoza Bernueto and Vice Minister Jorge Eduardo Navarret left Riyadh this morning after a two-day visit to the Kingdom in which they met with Oil Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani.

Mexican ambassador to Saudi Arabia Francisco Gonzales Dicosso termed the meeting with Yamani "one of a series of consultative meetings between oil producers" and characterized the discussions as "friendly."

The visiting officials are part of a Mexican delegation that has been touring major oil producing countries, including Venezuela, Britain, Nigeria and Algeria. They arrived in Jeddah Monday night.

Dicosso told Arab News that neither party to the parleys made any commitments or agreements about oil pricing and production matters.

"It was a perfectly normal exchange of views," Dicosso said.

Mexico, a non-OPEC producer, is often thought of as reducing demand for oil from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries by recent production increases and prices below the official OPEC recent benchmark. Dicosso denied that Mexico is undercutting OPEC prices. He said the country's isthmus light, which sells now for \$32.50 a barrel, is actually "about the same or even more expensive" than OPEC oil because it is of a lower grade. The official OPEC price is \$34 a barrel for Arabian light.

Dicosso said that recent production increases by Mexico were entirely geared to internal consumption and that exports, which averaged 1.5 million barrels a day in 1982, have not increased significantly over the past year.

The ambassador said relations prevailing between the two countries are "excellent" and that no major disagreements emerged during talks with Yamani.

Jurisprudence council session begins Jan. 23

MAKKAH, Jan. 19 — The Jurisprudence Council is to hold its sixth session Sunday Jan. 23 at the conference hall of the Muslim World League (MWL), headquartered here. Al-Bilad reported Wednesday.

During the session, which will last for a week, the council will discuss a number of issues of concern to Muslims in various parts of the world. A team of scholars will study and examine these issues and arrive at a unified Islamic legal formula.

These issues relate to Islam's stand on stoning of criminals, betting, acquisition of citizenship of non-Islamic states, stock exchanges, artificial insemination, the Islamic International Commission for Law and the status of the lunar calendar.

The council held its fifth session last year and discussed a number of issues including test tube babies.



Ahmad Zaki Yamani

China envoy has official farewell party

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 19 — Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdul Aziz Al-Thunayan hosted an official banquet in honor of the Republic of China Ambassador, Yu-Chi Hsueh, on the expiry of his assignment here.

Over 50 high-ranking officials and members of the diplomatic corps attended the farewell reception. Hsueh, who is soon to assume charge of the ambassadorial post in Korea after his eight-year stay here, will leave this Thursday afternoon, a spokesman told Arab News.

He said Dr. Wei-Ping Tsai, who is succeeding Hsueh here, will arrive early in February. Tsai, who is now in Taiwan, was the representative of the Coordination Council for North American Affairs in Washington D.C., he added.



Yu-Chi Hsueh

Agriculture directors meetings continue

JEDDAH, Jan. 19 — Directors of Agriculture working in various parts of the Kingdom continued their periodic meetings Wednesday at the Agricultural Directorate building here under the chairmanship of the permanent undersecretary of Agriculture Affairs Muhammad Ali Maki to discuss various issues on their agenda. Al-Bilad reported Wednesday.

BRIEFS

Gratitude expressed

RIYADH, (SPA) — King Fahad has expressed gratitude and appreciation to the Minister of Higher Education Hassan bin Abdullah Al-Sheikh and those responsible for student affairs in Al-Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic university. The king was commenting on the contents of the annual report of the university which Sheikh had submitted on the achievements of the University during the academic year 1981/1982.

King Fahd honored

RIYADH, (SPA) — Pilgrimage and Endowment Minister Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie issued a decree here Tuesday to call the Quran printing complex in Madinah after King Fahd.

Djibouti visit

JEDDAH, (SPA) — Djibouti Foreign Affairs and Cooperation Minister Moumin Bahdon Farah conferred Tuesday with Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Abdul-Rahman Mansouri on Arab questions and the Somali-Ethiopian conflict. The talks also touched on adopting a collective stand to resolve the conflict threatening the Horn of Africa. Farah arrived here Monday for a visit to Saudi Arabia.

Faisal University budget

RIYADH, (SPA) — The higher council of King Faisal University concluded its meetings here Tuesday by approving the university's current budget and endorsing an annual report for 1980-81. The council, meeting chaired by Higher Education Minister Hassan Al-Sheikh also endorsed regulations pertaining to university housing and amended regulations on employing non-Saudi teaching staff.

Yanbu phone bills

YANBU — The Yanbu Telephone Department has distributed bills to citizens for a period of three months starting from late last year according to Al-Bilad. The director of the telephones in the area urged citizens to pay their bills promptly to avoid difficulties.

Phone improvement

JEDDAH — Beginning next August telephone subscribers can dial 905 to get any number in Riyadh, Jeddah, Taif and the Eastern Province in seconds, Ota reported Wednesday. All the telephone numbers in these areas will be programmed by computer and put at the service of the telephone directorate.

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Denmark Embassy begins in summer, 'monumental architecture' planned

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Jan. 19 — The "marvelous" landscaping plans for the new Denmark Embassy in Riyadh include a water tap for every tree that will be planted according to Ambassador Frantz B. Howitz.



Frantz B. Howitz

residential," he said. The architecture of the embassy building is by the well-known Danish "Tegnestue" (architect) Henning Larsens. Howitz said adding.

"If Parliament okays the project, construction will begin in the coming summer." Howitz, 60, received his first ambassadorial assignment in 1967 serving his country in Germany, Czechoslovakia, and the United States. He was in Thailand for seven years before coming to the Kingdom two years ago.

The new embassy will be located at a picturesque site near Riyadh's new airport and will have the best of all the amenities, including sewage, he added.

The ambassador said Denmark's famed silver smiths will be flying in soon to demonstrate all the fancy things that can be sculptured. At least eight silver smiths rank among the world's best and the entire exercise aim at displaying how fanciful silver products are produced by hand with all the latest eye-catching designs.

"This is something peculiar to our country which is popular worldwide and we would like the Kingdom to see it," Howitz said.

Danish Commercial Counsellor Gorge Petersen talking about the coming events said his country will participate in the Middle East Electricity & Electronics exhibition scheduled here from Feb. 5 through 9. Only one company of his country — L.K.

Nes Co. — will be taking part in the show, he added.

A large pavilion will be put up by his country in the Saudi Food exhibition at Riyadh scheduled from Feb. 13 through 17. New companies will display new products here, he added.

Denmark will also take part in the Water Technology Exhibition to be held here from Feb. 27 through March 3. Three to four companies will be displaying their products here.

Petersen said his country will also be participating in the various other shows in Riyadh — Saudi Agriculture show in April, the Saudi Business and Education show in May and the Saudi-Build show in October. Five to 10 Danish companies will be taking part in each of these shows, he said.

Petersen said over 30 percent of the Danish exports to the Kingdom consist of food products, 40 percent machines and transport equipment, 7 percent furniture and the rest medical equipment and pharmaceutical products. Denmark will be emphasizing more of its agricultural machinery in the interest of the Kingdom's small and big farmers, besides poultry farms and dairies, Petersen said.

One other field where his country will lay emphasis is on consultancy services, especially in agro-industries, building construction and architecture, Petersen said adding the country was already giving consultancy services in the designing and supervising of the Makkah-Riyadh highway which is now



Frantz B. Howitz

under construction. One other major work undertaken in this sphere is the Bahrain Causeway, Petersen added.

He said all future joint ventures will be primarily in the agro-industrial area. Two joint ventures already exist for paint industries in Riyadh and Dammam, he said adding 70 to 80 percent of the Kingdom's dairies were built by the Danish companies.

Denmark's exports to the Kingdom have risen from D.Kr. 80m in 1980 to D.Kr. 1.235 million in 1982 (which included a ship costing D.Kr. 150 million) to D.Kr. 1,500 million in 1982.

Imports into Denmark from the Kingdom of crude oil and petroleum products have also been going up from D.Kr. 1,075 million in 1980 to D.Kr. 1,977 million to D.Kr. 2,437 million in the first 10 months of 1982, Petersen said.

National Shipping to open new east-west liner service

RIYADH, Jan. 19 (SPA) — The National Shipping Company of Saudi Arabia (NSCSA) will open a new line between the Kingdom and the United States passing through the Far East, in addition to its existing lines. It was officially announced here Wednesday.

The company's Director-General Abdul Aziz Turki is expected to formally christen a new ship *Saudi-Abha* for the purpose.

The company has three main offices in Saudi Arabia, England and the United States. And the fourth one is due to be opened in Dammam this year.

Saudi-Abha, the third ship to join the company's fleet, is considered one of the biggest ships capable of carrying dry goods amounting to 40,000 tons.

The company is expected to acquire six ships by the end of this year and its total shipment capacity will then reach 306,000 tons.

National Shipping had formally dedicated the world's largest ro-ro vessels, the *Saudi-Abha* and the *Saudi Diriyah*, during naming ceremonies in Sweden last month. Sailing of the vessels from Swedish shipyards Kockums marked a new era in the Saudi Arabian maritime industry as the jumbo fleet comes into service. Both have cargo decks of two million cubic feet, equaling 40 football fields.

Dr. Turki, in an earlier interview with *Arab News*, said that a biweekly east-west liner service incorporating seven ships and linking the United States, Middle East and Far East will be introduced.

The company is negotiating to acquire one more ship to bring the total number to seven so that it can run the biweekly service. The company will then be able to load goods on the eastern coast of United States for the Middle East and Far East and on its return bring goods from Far East to Middle East and the United States.

Dr. Turki also disclosed that the company is considering an order for four more ships in 1983 to start a liner service to Europe and eventually meet 20 percent of the shipping needs of the Kingdom.

Saudi Fisheries adds two boats costing SR8m

DAMMAM, Jan. 19 — Two boats costing SR8 million have been added to the Saudi Fisheries fleet, *Al-Bilad* reported. The new addition brings the total boats working for the company to 30.

The new boats have a 372 ton capacity and are each 24-meters long have an 80 ton storage capacity and 20 ton refrigerator. They are made of steel and equipped with radar and electronic equipment.

IDB finances Morocco's \$22m crude oil deal

RABAT, Jan. 19 (SPA) — The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) has agreed to finance a \$22 million crude oil deal for Morocco. An agreement was signed here Tuesday between IDB director Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali and Moroccan Finance Minister Abdulatif Al-Jawahri.



Dr. Ghazi Algoasibi

New building material unit inaugurated

By Devadas Kini
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Jan. 19 — Minister for Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algoasibi inaugurated a factory for the production of a new kind of plaster for walls and ceilings here Tuesday.

Speaking on the occasion, Algoasibi said the new range of products of this factory which is capable of producing 10,000 to 30,000 tons of building items, should bring down the cost of construction of buildings as these products save labor, material and time.

Abdullah I. Al-Hudaihi, chairman of Saudi Vetrin Co., Ltd. (SAVETO), who have put up the new factory in collaboration with Oy Partek Ab, one of the largest producers of building materials and construction equipment in Finland, said that the Vetrin range of products for plastering, floor screeding, tile adhesives and grouts are economical and have many applications in the construction industry.

Dr. Algoasibi said the establishment of such a plant adds to the 1300 factories already in operation. He expressed the hope that the number of factories in the Kingdom will reach 2,000 with the advent of the new Five-Year Development Plan.

Ambassador of Finland Unto Turunen, who attended the function told *Arab News* that this was the seventh joint venture between Finland and Saudi Arabia and that some 30 Finnish companies operate in the Kingdom. He said that although the balance of payments between the two countries are in favor of the Kingdom, there is a steady growth in the export of goods such as paper, paper products, plywood, vehicles and other Finnish products. Finland has been importing about 2.5 million tons of crude oil annually from the Kingdom.

The IDB had financed several commercial deals for Morocco especially crude oil, edible oil and sugar at a \$160 million cost. Moreover, the bank has given Morocco a \$200 million credit facility. It was also announced that Italy has given food aid to Morocco worth \$2.4 million.

Holiday brochure offers special interest tours, soccer group program

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Jan. 19 — Yusuf Bin Ahmed Kanoo's Travel Division launched its Kanoo Holidays 1983 brochure during a function at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Tuesday, which was attended by representatives of some of the leading airlines and travel agents.

Kanoo Assistant Divisional Tour Manager Prem Subramaniam told *Arab News*, "we are one of the large tour operators in Bahrain and Dhahran and now we hope to be the one in Jeddah."

He said the comprehensive brochure offers many special interest tours apart from the most demanding and regular interest ones.

"We operate tours as scheduled in order to maintain reliability and dependability," Subramaniam said. "We don't spoil our customers holiday mood by postponing or canceling tours even when the number of tourists is small in any particular group."

"In 1981 Singapore-Bangkok tours were popular but since last year around-the-world tours are gaining ground," he said. "Our around-the-world tours are designed for the individual traveler with hotels and flights pre-booked, leaving him total freedom at each place to do what he likes. All transfer from the hotel to the airport and even city tours can be pre-booked. The only rule to remember here is that the tourist is usually not permitted to visit the same city twice nor allowed to back-track." Subramaniam said his firm is now trying to attract more Saudi Arabian nationals to join group tours and is planning special "soccer program", where the group can get training from expert coaches, watch important international matches and visit tourist spots.

They offer Jeddah-Port Suez ferry service with a 36-hour journey to Egypt, and can be linked from Alexandria to Europe, which is good for families or groups going with their cars. Other special interest tours include trekking and adventure groups.



Prem Subramaniam

Madinah building rented for 813-room hospital

MADINAH, Jan. 19 — A building with 813 rooms has been rented by the Health Ministry to accommodate the Gynecology and Children's Hospital here *Al-Bilad* reported. The building which belongs to Endowment Ministry was rented following instructions from acting Health Minister Dr. Ghazi Algoasibi with the aim of improving the health services in the area. The old 45 room building could not cope with needs of the people.

Work has already started to make the necessary arrangements to turn the building into a hospital.

Four mosque contracts signed in E. Province

RIYADH, Jan. 19 — The Permanent undersecretary of the Ministry of Pilgrimage and Religious Trusts, Hussam Hashiqji, has signed four contracts with four national companies to build four mosques in the Eastern Province at a cost of SR36,590,51.

Islamic institute formation rules being finalized

CASABLANCA, Jan. 19 (SPA) — The procedures to establish the Islamic Call (Da'wa) Institute, which is going to be financed by King Fahd, are being finalized, according to Moroccan Endowments and Islamic Affairs Minister Hashmi Filali, who arrived here Tuesday after attending the International Higher Council for Mosques meetings in Jeddah earlier this week.

The institute, which will be based in Fez, will play a significant role in spreading Islam. The minister said that officials from the Saudi Arabian Finance and National Economy Ministry will visit Morocco next week to study the technical aspects of the project.

Moreover, advanced talks were carried out with the Muslim World League (MWL) secretary Sheikh Ali Al-Harakan on the proposed institute for researches and studies, which will be based in Marrakesh.

Filali added that the International Mosques Conference, in its eighth session, discussed the Palestinian and Afghanistan problems and the role of missionaries in Africa and Asia.

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:31	12:32	12:03	11:50	12:15	12:44
Asr (Afternoon)	3:40	3:37	3:08	2:52	3:16	3:42
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:03	5:58	5:29	5:13	5:37	6:03
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Council extends UNIFIL mandate

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 19 (R) — The U.N. Security Council, ignoring Israel's assertion that the operation had outlived its usefulness, Tuesday night extended for six months the mandate of the United Nations peacekeeping force in Lebanon. Thirteen of the 15 members approved the resolution. The Soviet Union and Poland abstained.

The government of Lebanon requested that the mandate be renewed. It was to have expired Wednesday.

The Lebanese government wants the force, known as UNIFIL, to operate throughout the country and help it regain authority over all areas.

But Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, noting that negotiations had started on the proposed withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon, said any revision of the mandate should be deferred.

Speaking before the vote, Kesrouan Lahaki, the chief Lebanese delegate, said it was well understood that UNIFIL would not have to intervene in any armed confrontation in the country.

The force, numbering more than 6,000 officers and men from 11 countries, is authorized only to use arms in self-defense. It was unable to resist Israeli forces that invaded Lebanon last year.

Yehuda Blum, the Israeli delegate, told the council his government had already said it believed UNIFIL had outlived its usefulness and was no longer needed in southern Lebanon.

In a written report to the council last Friday, Perez de Cuellar proposed the mandate should be extended, but noted Israel did not want it to continue for more than two or three months.

Blum said security arrangements thought necessary by Israel and Lebanon could and should be agreed through negotiations between the two countries.

Current talks were aimed at ensuring Lebanon's sovereignty and territorial integrity and should also ensure no hostile action was launched against Israel from Lebanese soil, Blum said.

The Dutch delegate, Hugo Scheltema, said UNIFIL's withdrawal would have grave consequences for the area and be a setback for the Lebanese government in its efforts to restore its authority throughout the country. He said the U.N. operation, which involves Dutch troops, was a financial burden.

There was a shortfall of \$152 million in the UNIFIL account and it was unfair on members whose forces were serving in Lebanon.

Nusrat scoffs at Zia's poll promise

LONDON, Jan. 19 (AP) — Gen. Zia ul-Haq's proposal for local elections in Pakistan is an attempt at "the subversion and manipulation of the national will," the widow of deposed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was quoted Wednesday.

"If Zia tampers with the constitution before the polls, the country may face a catastrophe," Begum Nusrat Bhutto was quoted as saying in an article published by the London-based magazine *Democratic Pakistan*.

The magazine said Mrs. Bhutto, chairman of the Pakistan People's Party whose husband was hanged after a federal cabinet was formed in March 1981, was interviewed in Paris. It was her first interview since leaving Pakistan late last year for medical treatment in Europe.



UNIFIL: International peacekeeping forces seen supervising the pullout of Israeli forces from southern Lebanon in 1978. The mandate of UNIFIL has been extended for six months by Security Council Tuesday night.

U.S. urged to speed up pullout talks

CAIRO, Jan. 19 — Signaling Egyptian unhappiness with current American Middle East policies, Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali has urged the United States to step up efforts for a Lebanese solution and take a harder line on Israeli settlements in occupied Arab lands.

In an interview with the weekly magazine *Al-Mussawwar* appearing Thursday, Ali complained the United States was not moving fast enough in steering current Lebanese-Israeli talks toward agreement.

He also complained of a retreat in the U.S. position on Israeli settlements in the West Bank and Gaza — from considering them "illegal" to just "an obstacle to peace."

He warned that American concessions to Israel would "do more harm than good" to the Middle East peace process.

He said the Jewish settlements issue should go to the negotiating table as an illegal act that should be undone. They can be easily dismantled, he said.

Ali said the Middle East peace process and

bilateral relations will be the main topics President Hosni Mubarak will discuss with President Reagan when he goes to Washington Jan. 26.

"The current (Israeli-Lebanese) negotiations alternating between Khalde and Kiyat Shmona may not be proceeding at the speed required by the situation and may not measure up to the level of the American commitment to the region," Ali said.

When asked whether he felt the Americans favored the Israeli demand for normalization of relations with Lebanon, Ali said he understood American eagerness to see peace prevail between Israel and all Arab countries.

King Hussein set to visit Belgium

BRUSSELS, Jan. 19 (R) — King Hussein of Jordan will visit Belgium next week for talks expected to center on Amman's possible role in the Middle East peace process. He will be in Brussels for a working visit including talks with King Baudouin, Prime Minister Wilfried Martens and Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans, a foreign ministry spokesman said.

We were tortured, Sudanese POWs say

KHARTOUM, Jan. 19 (AP) — Seven Sudanese arrested by Israeli troops in Lebanon returned home Wednesday and told reporters they had been beaten and abused by their captors during six months in confinement.

"The Israeli forces have stripped us of our clothes in public to put on military clothes," one of them charged. Others said as many as five of them were kept in cells measuring only one by two meters. They also accused Israeli guards of beating them with sticks, stealing their personal property and burning their clothes during their confinement.

The Sudanese were picked up by Israeli troops during last summer's invasion of Lebanon and were accused of being members of Palestinian organizations.

Ethiopian rebels claim scoring major victories

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 19 — More than 475 Ethiopian troops were killed or wounded and 189 more were taken prisoner during a recent battle in Tigray between government forces and an opposition organization seeking self-determination for the province.

The Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) claimed in a bulletin issued here Wednesday that the government troops, which included several high ranking officers, were killed, wounded or captured during a battle that resulted in the guerrillas' taking over the town of Woukro, 25 miles north of Mekele, the provincial capital. Woukro is strategically located on the Addis Ababa-Asmara sole highway which links the Ethiopian capital to Eritrea, another province where several organizations are fighting the government for independence.

The TPLF captured the town after a six-hour battle, Jan. 9, the bulletin said. The garrison in Woukro comprised of the 223rd battalion of the 22nd Flame Brigade and a crash division of police and militia.

A reinforcement division despatched from Makale and equipped with tanks, artillery and air defense, to dislodge TPLF fighters was intercepted and beaten back, the bulletin claimed. The government bombed Woukro and several other villages for two days using Soviet MiG fighter planes and helicopter gunships in retaliation," the TPLF said.

Earthquake jolts Greek provinces

ATHENS, Jan. 19 (R) — A strong earthquake shook Kefallinia and parts of western Peloponnese early Wednesday, causing damage to several houses but no casualties, police said.

Panic-stricken people ran through the streets when the quake, measuring six points on the Richter scale, struck at 0002 GMT, a police spokesman added. Its epicenter was about 40 kilometers off Kefallinia under the sea.

A slightly stronger quake shook the same areas Monday, causing damage but no casualties.

Most of the houses which suffered damage were in the village of Killini, on the coast of western Peloponnese, police said.

Israelis barred contact with American Marines

TEL AVIV, Jan. 19 (AP) — The Israeli Army has been ordered to avoid contact with U.S. Marines policing Beirut, and not to pursue suspected commandos into areas under marine control, Israeli radio said Wednesday.

The order followed reports of several incidents of friction between Israeli troops and marines, including one Monday night in which marines took up battle positions to prevent an Israeli patrol from passing their checkpoint.

Maj. Irit Azmon, a spokesman for the military command, denied that there was "any confrontation, physical or verbal," in the Monday night incident. She said the two-jump Israeli patrol reached the roadblock and immediately turned back.

She said the marines had set up several positions on the Lebanese University campus near the scene of the incident, even though it had been agreed when the U.S.-French-Italian peacekeeping force moved into Beirut that the Israeli Army was free to move as far west as the north-south Beirut railway tracks.

She said the campus is east of the tracks and therefore formally open to Israeli forces. "So we are not sure what the marines are

complaining about."

The U.S. State Department has expressed concern about the reported incidents, but Maj. Azmon implied that they were being exaggerated.

She said that originally, the Israelis had allowed the Lebanese Army one checkpoint to protect the campus. She called this "a goodwill gesture."

Later, following an upsurge of commando activity in the area, university lecturers asked the marines to help keep the peace and they set up additional checkpoints on the campus, she said.

She said she did not know whether the Israelis tried to prevent the marines from moving onto the campus.

The radio said that in several commando attacks on Israeli targets in the area in recent weeks, the commandos had fled west to El-Ouzai and Bourj El-Barajneh, neighborhoods under marine supervision.

It said pursuing Israeli troops always stopped at the railway tracks and refrained from using long-range weapons for fear of harming civilians and peacekeeping forces.

U.S. to help counter SAM-5 threat

TEL AVIV, Jan. 19 (AP) — An Israeli newspaper said the United States would furnish Israel with all available information on the Soviet SAM-5 missile following reports that a battery already in Syria could threaten Israeli air space within six weeks.

In Washington, a State Department spokesman warned that the Syrian missiles could worsen Middle East tensions, saying "we have told the governments involved of our concern."

The Soviet delivery of the missiles to Syria had been publicized since new year, but a report in a semi-official news bulletin in Washington Monday said hundreds of Soviet technicians were already in place in Syria, and that trucks, computers and electronic gear en route could make the missiles operational by next month.

Israeli defense sources said the SAM-5 with a range of 250 kilometers and a maximum altitude of 29 kilometers, would give Syria the ability to control virtually all Lebanese — and a large part of Israeli — airspace.

These sources said the missiles would also pose a threat to Israel's Hawkeye radar aircraft and its warning systems mounted on Boeing 707 aircraft.

The Israeli daily *Yedioth Aharonoth* said U.S. President Ronald Reagan had "instructed the Pentagon to furnish Israel with all necessary intelligence" on the SAM-5.

The Washington report, appearing in the

Middle East Policy Survey

said the Soviet missiles and systems in Syria were identical to those "deployed in Afghanistan, East Germany and Mongolia."

Observers here speculated that the report on the missiles in the Israeli press was fed by the Israeli government. They saw it as a ploy to deflect attention from the Israeli-occupied territories and from the U.S. Middle East plan, refocusing on Soviet interference in the Middle East before Prime Minister Menachem Begin's upcoming trip to Washington.

Envoy's home hit in Mexico City

TEL AVIV, Jan. 19 (AP) — Bursts of automatic weapon fire were directed at the home of the Israeli ambassador to Mexico Wednesday, Israeli foreign ministry officials said.

They said that according to sketchy initial reports, no one was in the home in Mexico City at the time and there were no casualties.

The officials said "a few rounds of automatic weapon fire" were discharged at the residence of Ambassador Israel Gur-Aryeh.

Zaire wants Israel to train troops

TEL AVIV, Jan. 19 (AP) — Zaire President Mobutu Sese Seko was quoted Wednesday as saying that Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon had agreed to arm Zairian troops based in the troubled border area with Angola.

Speaking to Israeli reporters after a three-hour meeting with Sharon Tuesday, Mobutu was quoted as saying that the two countries had agreed on the supply of "artillery, additional weaponry and technical assistance in order to set up an additional division in the Shaba area."

The mineral-rich Shaba Area, where Mobutu's elite Kamanyola force is based, has been subject to guerrilla attack from Angola. Israeli Army radio said Sharon was to visit the area Wednesday. Israeli troops stationed in Zaire have been training Mobutu's presidential guard.

BRIEFS

TUNIS, (AFP) — Chedli Klibi, secretary-general of the Arab League, Wednesday expressed concern that some European governments were modifying their position concerning the Middle East situation.

CAIRO, (AP) — Five American congressmen conferred with President Hosni Mubarak Tuesday. The group, all Democrats, arrived Monday from Harare, capital of Zimbabwe, where they attended an African-American conference.

DAMASCUS — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat had talks here with Walid Jumblatt, chief of the Lebanese left and the Druze community. Jumblatt has already met with Syrian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Faruk Shareh on the Lebanese question.

ISLAMABAD, (AFP) — The Japanese Shipbuilding Industry Foundation has given the United Nations High Commissioner for

Refugees (UNHCR) \$1 million to provide drinking water for Afghan refugees in Pakistan. The United Nations Information Center announced here.

ANKARA, (R) — Turkey has protested to Greece at its decision to allow entry to the film-maker and actor Yilmaz Guney, convicted of murder in Turkey, a foreign ministry spokesman said.

ISLAMABAD, (AFP) — Afghan authorities arrested an unspecified number of people on charges of hoarding gasoline in Kabul, state-run Radio Kabul, monitored here, reported.

TEL AVIV, (R) — An Israeli military court Wednesday heard evidence that Chief of Staff Raphael Eitan gave orders to harass the Palestinian population of the occupied West Bank and to quell violent unrest last spring with strong-arm tactics.

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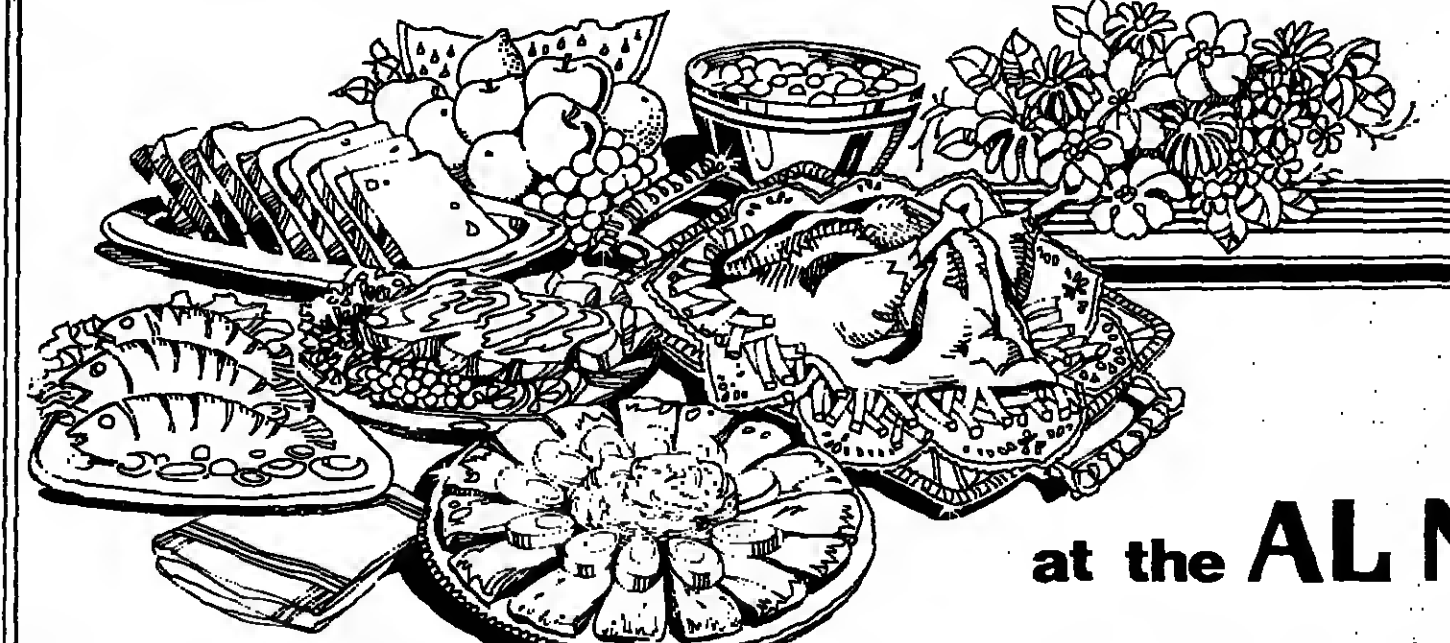
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Zimbabwe to seek emergency extension

HARARE, Jan. 19 (Agencies) — Zimbabwe Home Affairs Minister Herbert Ushewokunze told parliament Tuesday he would seek a further six-month renewal of the 17-year-old state of emergency.

Ushewokunze, addressing the executive house of assembly after a four-month recess, said a detailed notice of motion would be published Wednesday. The state of emergency was originally introduced to the white-ruled British colony of Rhodesia in 1965 by former Prime Minister Ian Smith to crack down on black nationalist leaders now in power.

Emergency laws gave the home minister, police and other authorities with sweeping powers including detention without trial, search without warrant and state confiscation of property. Since independence, April 18, 1980, the powers have been widely used by Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's government against alleged saboteurs, spies and subversives, including members of Smith's Republican Front Party.

Mugabe led Rhodesia to independence as black-ruled Zimbabwe after waging a seven-year guerrilla war. Mugabe was a detainee without trial for 10 years under emergency powers. The constitution requires

parliamentary approval each six months to extend the emergency. Mugabe's government has extended it five times since independence.

Meanwhile, Zimbabwe, which as Rhodesia was the subject of U.N. Security Council-imposed sanctions after an illegal white government seized power, took its place in the same council Wednesday as a member nation.

The General Assembly elected the state with four other members for a two-year term beginning Jan. 1 and Wednesday's meeting to renew the U.N. peacekeeping mandate in Lebanon, was the first since then. Welcoming the Zimbabwe delegation, Ato Koffi Amega of Togo, also a new member and president for the month, said the nation was an example for struggling peoples fighting for national liberation and all who believe in freedom, justice and peace.

Referring to continuing efforts to bring Namibia (South West Africa) to independence, Amega said he hoped that country too would soon accede to independence and occupy its rightful place in the community of nations. "The presence of Zimbabwe in the council is another proof of its international credibility," the president said.

Quit Afghan call

Islamic group warns Soviets

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan. 19 (AP) — An underground Muslim group protesting the Soviet Union's presence in Afghanistan says it will continue attacks on the Soviet embassy here according to a published report.

The International Muslim Brotherhood Organization (IMBO), which says it has links with groups in Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and Thailand claimed responsibility for a Jan. 12 attack in which 19 shots were fired at Soviet Ambassador B.T. Koulik's study, the English language *New Straits Times* reported Tuesday.

The *Times* said a man who identified himself as Abdullah Omar Mokhtar telephoned the paper's Penang city office Monday and said the Jan. 12 attack was part of a campaign of violence against Soviet diplomats. "If the Russians continue with their barbaric acts and murder innocent people in Afghanistan, they should not deserve any pity," he was quoted by the newspaper as saying.

The ambassador was not in the study during last week's shooting and no one was injured. Police found a rifle near the gate of the high-walled embassy. *The Straits Times* quoted the caller as saying: "We have no quarrel with the Malaysian government or police. Our struggle is against those who

oppress or discriminate against Muslims throughout the world."

The caller said that while IMBO holds "the Americans and British responsible for the mess in the Middle East, the Americans are not directly involved there as the Russians are in Afghanistan," according to the report.

Police believe the rifle found near Soviet Embassy last week could be the same weapon stolen at knife-point from a policeman in Penang Dec. 30. A card left behind identified the theft as the work of IMBO.

The caller told *The Straits Times* that two men arrested for the rifle theft were innocent. "I am responsible for the attack and I am still free," he said.

The newspaper *Star* reported Sunday that it too received a call Friday in which IMBO claimed responsibility for the attack on the Soviet embassy. However, the caller reportedly did not threaten further violence. Police say they know little about IMBO. Monday's caller said it was based in Penang, 300 kilometers northwest of here, with few members.

IMBO also claimed responsibility for setting fire in March 1981 to the Penang office of the *Star* travel agency, which is an agent for the Soviet airline Aeroflot.

U.S. to join maneuvers off Honduras

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AFP) — American soldiers will hold joint military maneuvers in Honduras near Nicaragua's border next month, a Pentagon spokesman said here Tuesday.

Nicaragua in recent months has been accusing the United States and Honduras of plotting a joint military operation against Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista regime. The "big pine" maneuvers will involve some 5,000 Honduran soldiers, 900 American soldiers already stationed in Honduras and 700 more arriving from nearby countries.

The United States has given large amounts on military aid to Honduras since the Sandinistas took power in 1979. Washington has complained of "constituent violations" of Honduras border by Nicaragua and accused it of abetting the smuggling of weapons by Communist countries to the guerrillas in El Salvador. The defense department spokesman said the United States has invited a Nicaraguan observer to watch the "big pine" maneuvers as a reassurance.

The maneuvers are expected to last about one week in and around Graciosa in Dios Province. American helicopters will transport Honduran troops and supplies to within 15 kms of Nicaragua.

World maritime university to open in Sweden

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 19 (AP) — A world maritime university training 143 merchant seamen at a time at an annual cost of \$25,000 a student is expected to begin operation in Malmo, Sweden, in 1984, the U.N. Development Program said Tuesday.

UNDP Administrator Bradford Morse, in an 18-page report to the program's governing council, said that the university, discussed in the council last May, would come into being next July 1 in what was once the merchant marine academy. Morse said the training of students from developing countries to start the following year would be financed by \$1 million a year pledged by Sweden and another million from the developing countries involved, either in direct contributions or in drawing against UNDP funds earmarked for aid to those countries.

The maritime university is to be established by the International Maritime Organization, a U.N.-affiliated specialized agency with headquarters in London. The Malmo municipality has given IMO a free lease on the premises for the university for as long as they are needed and agreed to rent students and teachers flats for \$80 a month in a building called Henrik Smith's House.

Salvador rebels claim overrunning key town

SAN SALVADOR, Jan. 19 (AP) — Anti-government rebels overran a key town in northern Chalatenango Province Tuesday, claiming almost total control of the embattled region, sources reported.

The gentlemen of the armed forces left on the open run, an anonymous caller told the Associated Press. He identified himself as a member of the rebels' Faribundo Marti Liberation movement. He said national guard and paramilitary troops abandoned the town of Concepcion Quetzaltepeque, eight kilometers northwest of the provincial capital before dawn Tuesday as rebel fighters advanced. "We will conquer the entire province," he said.

Elsewhere, 4,200 army troops took to the field to hunt a guerrilla advance on the city of San Francisco Gotera, the capital of Morazan Province, about 164-kms northeast of San Salvador, and 88-kms east of Chalatenango along the Honduran border. Rebels also wounded at least four troops in attacks east of the capital before dawn, local military

sources said.

The rebels overran five towns in the last week in a mountainous portico of Chalatenango Province, 80-kms north of San Salvador.

The caller said rebels took four other towns abandoned by the army in the last few days. Rebels now claim control over 20 towns in northern Chalatenango Province, most of them north of the provincial capital near the Honduran border. The provincial army commander, Col. Maximiliano Leiva, acknowledged all but one of the towns had been taken by rebels. "I don't want to deny the importance (of the takeovers), but (the towns) do not have great impact," Leiva said. "Their objective is to try to throw us off balance during the visit of the American Senators."

About 17 delegations of U.S. Congressmen and professional groups are here to certify to the administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan that human rights conditions continue to improve.

Peruvian guerrillas execute two officials in mock trial

LIMA, Jan. 19 (AP) — Leftist guerrillas executed two government officials in a town square after a mock trial and killed two other persons in Peru's military control zone, police said Tuesday.

The paramilitary civil guard, meanwhile, reported an estimated 200 guerrillas of the Maoist organization Shining Path had clashed with guards near Cochabamba in south central Peru and that losses were heavy on both sides. The guard said reinforcements had been sent to the area.

The military command in Ayacucho said a column of guerrillas entered the town of Huahuanpuglio Monday and killed County Governor Pascual Huamani, 33, and a relative, Deputy County Governor Romualdo Huamani, 69, after putting them on trial in the town square for being "enemies of the people and collaborators of the police and government." The two officials, appointed by the military command that took over Dec. 29, were killed with two shots each to the face, police said.

The fresh violence raising the death toll to 29 for the new year, came as 2,000 police and

troops hunted down Shining Path members around the state capital of Ayacucho, declared under military control by President Fernando Belaunde nearly one month ago. Belaunde also ordered a 60-day state of emergency suspending civil rights in the area 563 kms southeast of the Peruvian capital.

In the town of Acomayo, the civil guard said a column of 604 guerrillas shot and killed brothers Pedro and Albino Bejar, warning townspeople the same fate awaited "all those who are friends of oppression and betray the people." Newspaper accounts said civil guard rangers entered the town six hours later and fired on a crowd of people gathering for a sports festival. Six persons were reported wounded.

The terrorist organization suffered 15 deaths in a clash over the weekend with a police patrol, Gen. Roberto Noel Moral, head of the military operation in Ayacucho, said. He said police suffered casualties but gave no details. The command last week reported the arrest of 25 Shining Path suspects in Ayacucho, the biggest number since the army intervened.

Religious zealot wanted to kill cop

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Jan. 19 (AP) — The leader of seven religious zealots who died in a police shootout after killing a hostage officer had wanted to kill the policeman and broadcast the death on live radio, authorities said Tuesday.

Police director John Holt told reporters that Linberg Sanders, head of the religious sect, made only one demand during the 30-hour siege last week that he wanted to speak with a disc jockey for a local radio station. "The intent was to excuse officer Hester and preferably publicly," Holt said.

The hostage, Patrolman Robert S. Hester, was found beaten to death after police stormed the house where the cult members had held him. Holt said an officer crept up to a window of the house shortly after the siege began and heard Sanders, 49, say he "wanted the people of Memphis to hear when he put the ... officer's lights out."

Officials said all seven members of the police-hating cult were killed by gunshot wounds to the head when police stormed the house.

Clark operated on to stop nasal bleeding

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Jan. 19 (AFP) — Barney Clark, the first man to receive an artificial heart, has undergone a successful operation to stop the oesal bleeding he has suffered for the past ten days.

Doctors at university hospital here Tuesday night repaired two arteries in the left nostril and corrected a defect in the nasal wall. The bleeding appeared to have been caused by a tube inserted in Dr. Clark's nose through which he is nourished. Doctors had been forced to administer doses of anticoagulants to prevent the formation of blood clots around the heart.

Dr. Clark, a 61-year-old retired dentist, received his artificial heart Dec. 2 but has remained in hospital ever since. The left half of the device had to be replaced in a second operation Dec. 14 because of a defective valve.

Hospital spokesman John Dwan said Tuesday's minor surgery would delay Dr. Clark's departure from hospital that had been scheduled for the end of the month.

Los Angeles gas leak kills four

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 19 (R) — A carbon monoxide leak in a Los Angeles apartment building has killed four persons and put 31 others in hospital, health officials said Tuesday.

Two persons were found dead in an apartment on Sunday but carbon monoxide poisoning was not suspected at the time, the officials said. Two men, one aged 52 and the other aged 63, were found dead in the space of two hours in their apartments.

Thirty-one persons, including 16 policemen sent to the scene, were taken to hospital after inhaling carbon monoxide but most were expected to be released soon. Health inspector Richard Kenen said the carbon monoxide may have escaped from a vent in a gas water heater.

He said the levels of carbon monoxide, which has no smell or color, in parts of the building, exceeded the limits of measuring devices carried by health officials.

Prince Edward to join Cambridge University

LONDON, Jan. 19 (AFP) — Prince Edward, the youngest of Queen Elizabeth's four children, will start studies in archeology, anthropology and history at the Cambridge University in the autumn, Buckingham Palace announced Tuesday.

The 18-year-old prince will be following in the footsteps of his older brother, Charles, who followed the same course of study at Cambridge 15 years ago. Edward is currently studying in New Zealand. Students at Cambridge, one of the most prestigious universities in Britain, have already criticized his enrollment, however, noting that his entrance exams scored grades generally below the norms for admittance.



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Explains policy

Mitterrand concludes 3-nation African tour

PARIS, Jan. 19 (AFP) — President Francois Mitterrand used his just-ended third tour of Africa to explain his African policy to the governments of three states in very different circumstances.

During talks with his hosts in Togo, Benin and Gabon, Mitterrand set out his own government's desire to maintain its close contacts with Africa and to take part in the continent's development. The leaders of the countries he visited are themselves very different from each other. Togolese President Gnassingbe Eyadema is not bothered by ideological theories, whereas Mathieu Kerekou, president of Benin, is a dedicated Marxist, and Gabon's President Omar Bongo a pillar of capitalism.

Mitterrand told each of them that the hub

Manchurian tigers face extinction

PEKING, Jan. 19 (AFP) — Despite special measures by the Chinese government, the Manchurian tigers of northeastern China's Heilongjiang province are about to become extinct, according to a reader's letter in the English language *China Daily*.

The reader accused local villagers of hunting the threatened felines — one of 150 endangered species under special government protection in this country — and asked local officials to take "immediate measures."

Firm closes down after \$11m theft

NEW YORK, Jan. 19 (R) — An armored car company which last month suffered an \$11 million robbery — the largest cash theft in U.S. history — has gone out of business, the district attorney's office said Tuesday.

The Sentry Armored Car Courier Company laid off 140 staff and closed down Tuesday, said a spokesman for District Attorney Mario Merola. He said the shutdown came after police confiscated 120 handguns and 60 shotguns from employees. Insurance companies then refused to continue their coverage.

The guns had all been registered to the firm's president, former city policeman John

Soviets boycott Socialists' meeting

NICOSIA, Jan. 19 (Agencies) — The Cyprus government and Soviet-bloc diplomats in Cyprus Tuesday boycotted the opening meeting of the permanent Secretariat of the Socialist Parties of the Mediterranean, to which they were invited.

The three-day meeting is attended by seven of the nine members of the secretariat, the majority representing ruling parties in their countries. The main item on the meeting's agenda is the establishment of a Mediterranean news agency and a union of "progressive unionists of the Mediterranean." Apart from discussing political developments and socialist cooperation, the meeting will also fix dates for conferences of Mediterranean farmers, workers and writers.

The boycott of the public opening session

Kenya jails commander for 4 years

NAIROBI, Jan. 19 (R) — Former Kenyan Air Force Commander Peter Kariuki was Tuesday sentenced to four years imprisonment for failing to prevent or suppress his troops' attempt to overthrow the government last August.

Maj. Gen. Kariuki, who faced possible life imprisonment, was the highest ranking officer to appear so far before military courts which have sentenced six airmen to death and about 500 others to jail terms. The Aug. 1

of France's Third World policy was Francophone Africa. He called for "fair prices" on the world markets for raw materials, and for emphasis on self-sufficiency in food production to Africa, which contains most of the world's least developed countries. French aid was not without limits, he said, and priority would be given to the least fortunate countries.

Throughout his tour, the French leader took up the theme of security and the sovereignty of African states, stating that France would fulfill all its agreements in this context, while at the same time respecting the wishes of African leaders. "France is not the policeman of Africa," he said, and did not seek to interfere in internal African affairs.

In Togo, which is going through a major economic crisis, largely due to the slump in phosphate prices, he said that his government was to look again at the sources of its phosphate imports and might be prepared to buy at special higher rates from its friends.

The start of Mitterrand's visit to Togo coincided with reports of a mercenary plot to assassinate Gen. Eyadema. The visit ended two days later in a warm and serene atmosphere, untroubled by any incidents.

Economic issues were also at the top of the agenda when Mitterrand made a brief visit to Togo's eastern neighbor, Benin, where France has pledged to help in rural development projects.

Jennings, who was indicted last week with

two other officers of the company for allegedly stealing \$100,000 from a client. Merola's spokesman said the district attorney was conducting an extensive investigation into the company's accounts following complaints from several clients that \$500,000 entrusted to the company was unaccounted for.

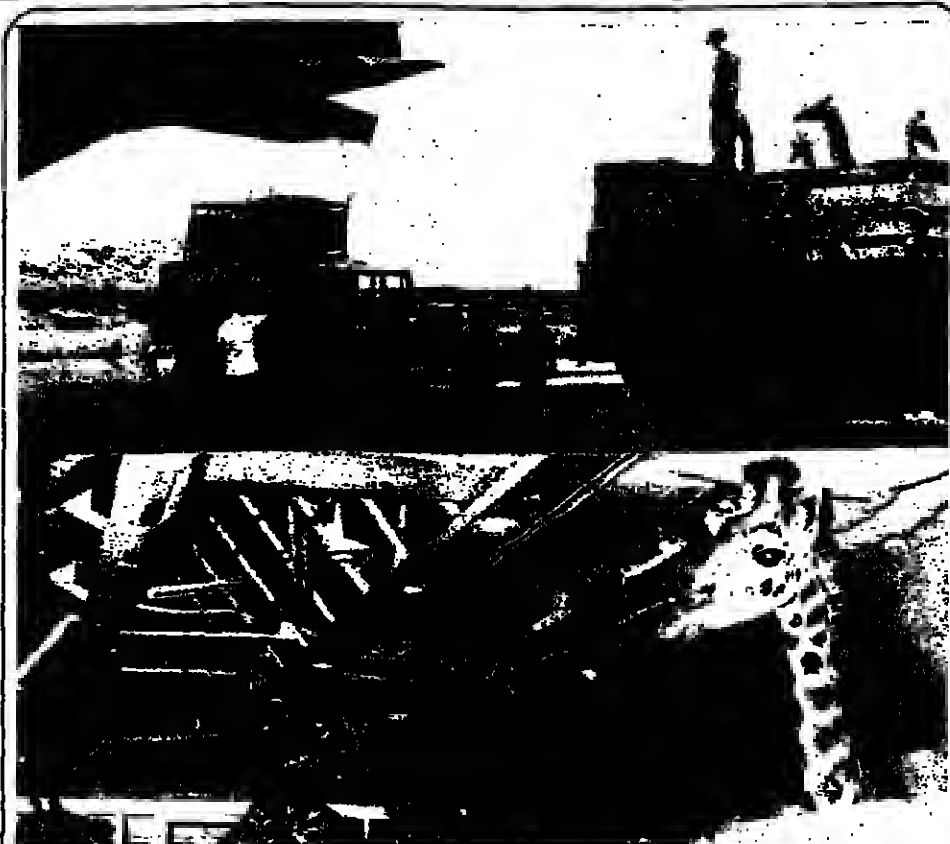
In last month's hold-up, three men were said to have opened a hole in the roof of the Sentry office building and disarmed a lone guard inside. Police said they were investigating whether the robbery was an inside job.

of the meeting by Cyprus government representatives and Soviet-bloc diplomats was seen as a snub for Dr. Vassos Lyssarides, the leader of the Cyprus Socialist Party Edek, which is hosting the meeting. Lyssarides is currently locked in an electoral battle for next month's presidential elections against the incumbent president, Spyros Kyprianou, the leader of the centrist Democratic Party who is running for re-election backed by the Cyprus Communist Party.

Hassan Hussein, the spokesman for the Socialist meeting, said Cyprus government ministers and Soviet-bloc diplomats were invited to the opening session but they did not show up, though some Soviet-bloc diplomats declined our invitation saying they had prior engagements," he added.

coup was crushed within hours by loyal army and police forces. The air force was subsequently disbanded and replaced by a new force.

Before sentencing, Gen. Kariuki insisted that his decisions on and before the day of the coup had been correct. During the trial the court heard that Gen. Kariuki had rebuffed a junior officer who infiltrated the plotters and told him of the imminent coup attempt the night before it happened.



GIRAFFE AIRLIFT : When a request came for the airlift of a number of wild animals from Africa, the government of Dubai turned to its Lockheed L-100-30 Super Hercules aircraft. Even the young giraffes were easily accommodated in the 9-foot high cargo compartment of the Hercules. In addition to giraffes, other wild animals airlifted included lions, zebras, and several species of deer and birds. The animals were picked up in southern Sudan and airlifted to zoos in Khartoum and Dubai.

Chinese documentary may spark new row with India

NEW DELHI, Jan. 19 (AFP) — A Chinese documentary film showing Tibetans happily living under Peking's Communist rule has raised fears of a new diplomatic row between India and China, a few days before they are due to resume bilateral talks.

The *National Herald* newspaper, regarded as close to Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, said authorities were looking into the "circumstances under which the film was allowed to be screened" at the ninth Indian film festival that closed here Monday.

The paper, calling the film "rank political propaganda," said it showed Tibetans "dancing in front of the Chinese troops," and generally prospering under the Chinese, who annexed the Himalayan territory in 1951 and suppressed an uprising there eight years later. But, the paper added, the film could not conceal an "overall impression" that Tibet continued to be a "military camp where life was largely regimented."

The criticism came less than two months after China strongly criticized a dance performance at the close of the Asian Games here, by a troupe from the northeast Indian

Soviets launch 8 earth satellites

MOSCOW, Jan. 19 (AFP) — The Soviet Union, using a single rocket, Wednesday successfully launched eight more earth satellites in the Cosmos series, the Soviet news agency Tass reported. Each of the satellites, numbered 1,429 to 1,436, is carrying scientific equipment for space studies, the agency said. They will orbit the earth at between 1,513 and 1,449 kms.

The previous satellite in the Cosmos series, number 1,428, was successfully launched Jan. 12. Wednesday's announcement came four days after Soviet authorities announced that the core of the nuclear reactor aboard Cosmos 1,402 — which the U.S. earlier said risked bringing radioactive material to earth — would re-enter the earth's atmosphere in mid-February with acceptable radioactivity if any.

state of Arunachal Pradesh, which Peking says is disputed. India replied by canceling a scheduled visit by a goodwill delegation to Peking, and lodged a protest with the Chinese ambassador here.

A five-member Indian team is to leave for Peking Jan. 28 to resume bilateral talks, with the Sino-Indian border dispute high on the agenda. The talks are part of a normalization process begun by the two Asian giants, which went to war in 1962, following a visit to India in June 1980 by then-Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua.

But recession catching up

20 years of isolation makes Burma self-sufficient in food

RANGOON, Jan. 19 (AP) — The military coup that installed Burmese leader Ne Win two decades ago set an isolationist course that has allowed Burma to become self-sufficient in food and fuel. But the global recession is beginning to catch up.

Ne Win maintains an autocratic system of government in a nation that blends economic socialism, Buddhism, a military-dominated political framework and strict neutrality in international affairs. Burma, carved with rivers and edged with an extensive coastline on the Bay of Bengal and the Andaman Sea, registered an estimated 4 percent economic growth rate in 1982. Inflation has hovered around three percent in recent years.

The government has not had to buy foreign oil since 1976 and has boosted its rice production by 65 percent over the past decade, thanks largely to a well-executed "high yields" variety program that has netted surpluses for export.

The crime rate is by all accounts very low, as are deaths through heart attacks and other modern stress ailments. Unlike most Asian capitals booming with construction, traffic noises, neon and night life, Rangoon is green and quiet. Traffic and pollution are minimal, and attendance at the shrines high, a key factor in preserving tradition and social stability, according to observers.

The capital's tallest structure is the gold-plated Shwedagon Pagoda, where monks and laymen gather at dusk to meditate. Entertainment consists mainly of movies and television, introduced two years ago.

Ne Win, 71, stepped down as president in November 1981, but retained his more powerful job as chairman of the sole political party, the Burma Socialist Program Party. His years in power since the military coup of March 2, 1962, made him one of the world's longest-lasting leaders. "There is no question that he is still in charge and all his subordinates know it," a knowledgeable diplomat said.

Ne Win's most dramatic move was to shut off foreign economic dealings and influences. "The Burmese don't really participate in the world economy, but the global recession

hasn't hit them that hard," explains one Western diplomat. "That's the bright side of being a recluse." But negative effects of that isolation are showing, and international economic shocks are beginning to be felt inside the country.

The government's adamance about not dealing with private foreign businesses or giving local capitalists any leeway has spawned a vast black market in consumer goods. It also has kept much of the basic infrastructure at the World War II level and stunted the development of what has been called "Burma's scarcest resource," competent managers.

Some diplomats estimate as much as 80 percent of retail sales come from the black market, which provides everything from Thai headache pills, Chinese electrical appliances and Indian textiles — all smuggled. In Rangoon's streets and open-air markets, the site of much small-scale but ingenious free enterprise, a shopper can eat excellent Chinese soup, have his ears cleaned, buy the collected works of Sigmund Freud in English or order a Japanese video set.

In contrast, government stores are bleak and the range of rationed goods poor. Some Western analysts suggest that only the country's great natural wealth and relatively low population of 35 million have allowed it to survive mismanagement. The Rangoon electricity works are so outdated, for example, that the power supply quits when the steel plant goes into full operation.

The depressed global economy and some internal factors, meanwhile, have reduced hard currency reserves from \$229 million at the end of 1981 to \$83.5 million in October 1982, according to the International Monetary Fund.

This is particularly dangerous since Burma has become a sizable borrower, especially from Japan, West Germany and the World Bank. Debt servicing in 1976-77, shortly after Burma went in search of foreign loans, was a mere \$34 million. It is expected to soar to \$179 million in 1986-87 even if no new debts are incurred.

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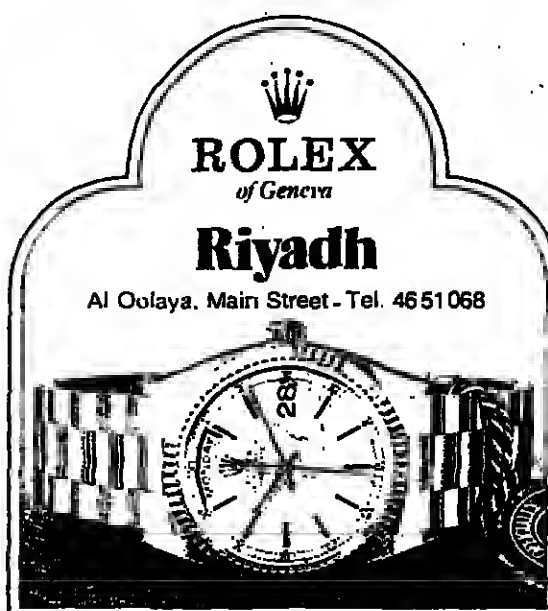
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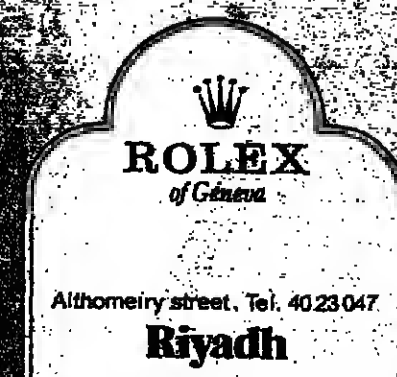
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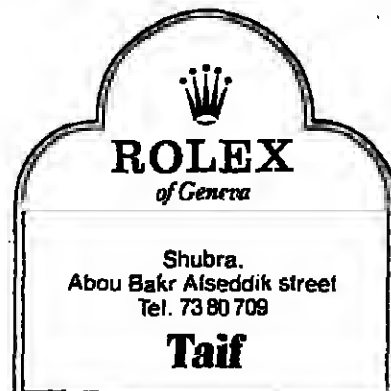
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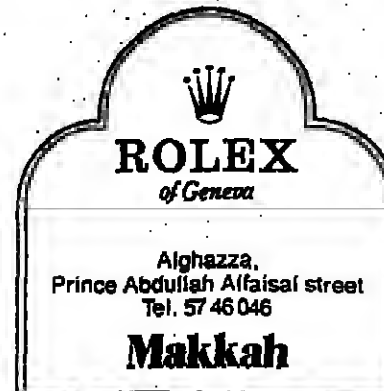
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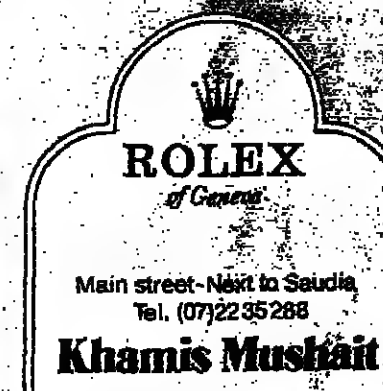
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Scientists make rapid strides

New diagnostic test for genetic defects

By Paul Jacobs

LOS ANGELES (LAT) — Using a technique that directly "reads" short stretches of the genetic code, scientists at the City of Hope in Duarte, California, have developed a new test for diagnosing sickle cell anemia, a painful and life-threatening inherited disease that affects red blood cells.

The method used may help usher in a new era in the diagnosis of inherited human diseases, according to the researchers. In theory, the new technique can be applied to any disorder where the precise defect in the genetic code is known, and it has already been used by researchers at other institutions in the diagnosis of two related inherited blood disorders.

Scientists say the City of Hope work illustrates just how rapid the progress brought about by the new genetics has been. Other laboratories have already determined the exact sequence of chemical units, or nucleotides, that make up the gene for one of the components of normal hemoglobin, the substance in red blood cells that carries oxygen from the lungs to the tissues of the body. In sickle cell, it was known that a change in a single chemical unit along the gene was responsible for the production of defective hemoglobin.

The researchers at the City of Hope made their synthetic nucleotide chains — one designed to match a stretch of normal gene, another to match a stretch of defective sickle cell gene. They then showed that their synthetic genetic material, equipped with a radioactive signal, could be used to detect the presence or absence of both the normal gene and the sickle cell gene. Genetic material from normal individuals would combine only with the stretch of normal gene. Material from those with sickle cell disease would combine only with the stretch of defective gene, and material from those who carried the gene but did not have the disease — so-called "carriers" who are disease-free but can transmit the disorder to their children — would combine with both synthetic chains.

The same technique can be applied to any genetic disease where the normal and defective gene sequences are established, said R. Bruce Wallace, one of the authors of the report on the new technique issued by the National Academy of Sciences.

The development of new tests for genetic disease represents only a part of the explosively growing field of human genetics. At research centers throughout the world, scientists are using genetic engineering to assault problems in human heredity that seemed unconquerable only a few years ago.

Several teams are developing information that may eventually lead to detailed maps of all the human chromosomes — the rod-shaped bodies that are the vehicles of heredity and that direct the growth and maintenance of every cell in the body. Similar maps have already been made for the genetic material of fruit flies and bacteria, species much more easily studied in laboratories than are humans.

Other groups are searching with increased success for the precise nature of hereditary defects. In several cases, scientists have been able to explain inherited diseases in terms of small changes in the sequence of chemicals that make up deoxyribonucleic acid, or DNA, the long molecules within the chromosomes that control cell function. In other cases, research teams are able to locate where on the chromosomes the defective genetic instructions are located.

And every bit of new information reported by one group can be used by others to develop still more information. "It's snowballing," said Dr. Victor McKusick, chairman of the Department of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, and a leading human geneticist.

The method developed by the city of Hope researchers could encourage a "flood" of research into genetic defects, said one of the other authors, Dr. Raymond L. Teplitz. Knowing that the new information would likely have a practical result — the detection of those with the disease and of carriers — will provide an incentive for further study, he said.

Earlier this year, Wallace along with researchers from the University of California, San Francisco, and from Italy, applied the same technique to another blood disorder — a thalassemia, one of a group of diseases where a critical component of hemoglobin is either missing entirely or produced in too small a quantity.

One of his co-workers in that study was Yuet Wai Kan, a doctor of science and one of the leaders in genetic research. Kan and an associate, Judy C. Chang, were among three groups of researchers who last summer reported on another approach to diagnosis of sickle cell — tests that take advantage of the fact that certain enzymes from bacteria that make cuts in DNA can recognize short stretches of genetic material in normal hemoglobin genes, but not the altered sites of defective genes.

At UCSF, Chang said, the enzyme technique has been used successfully to diagnose the disease in fetuses using samples of amniotic fluid. Earlier methods for testing for sickle cell in the unborn required taking a sample of fetal blood — a procedure that carries an increased risk of damage to the fetus. Because the test has thus far proved reliable and is technically simple by today's lab standards, it is doubtful that it will be supplanted by the City of Hope method, according to Chang and others. (The City of Hope workers are trying to make their test just as sensitive as the enzyme tests and believe they will succeed.)

But many genetic defects do not lend themselves to enzyme tests, and as a result, the new approach is considered "quite important," according to Dr. Haig H. Kazazian Jr., of Johns Hopkins, who was part of a team at Hopkins and Harvard that developed an enzyme test for sickle cell. The City of Hope approach means that where you know the defect, you can develop a diagnostic test, Kazazian said.

Researchers also are working furiously to discover the underlying genetic defect in scores of hereditary diseases. Dr. Robert Williamson at the University of London has recently shown that the defect for one form of muscular dystrophy, is located on the short arm of the human X chromosome.

chromosome.

In order to do that, Williamson used a so-called marker gene whose location on the X chromosome — which along with the presence or absence of a Y chromosome determines the sex of an individual — had already been established.

According to James Gusella, a scientist at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, who is making a similar search for the precise location of the gene responsible for Huntington's disease, some 400 such markers scattered randomly throughout the human chromosomes would provide enough milestones to accurately place any human gene on a detailed genetic map.

In 1980, there were only two such markers described in the scientific literature. Today, he estimated, there may be as many as 100.

Knowing where a genetic defect is located, Gusella said, should provide a way of isolating the gene and its product.

Williamson has called the process "reverse genetics" — using knowledge of genetics to determine the underlying cause of a disease. In the past, with diseases like sickle cell, the order of events was typically the other way around — knowledge of the underlying problem came before the detailed understanding of the genetics.

Several scientists indicated that accurate diagnosis — in the fetus, in carriers, and in those who will later show evidence of a disorder — will soon be possible in several genetic diseases.

Clue to diabetes

BOSTON, Massachusetts (AP) — An extra bit of DNA near the gene that controls insulin production seems to make people who have it susceptible to adult diabetes, according to doctors who pinpointed the genetic snippet.

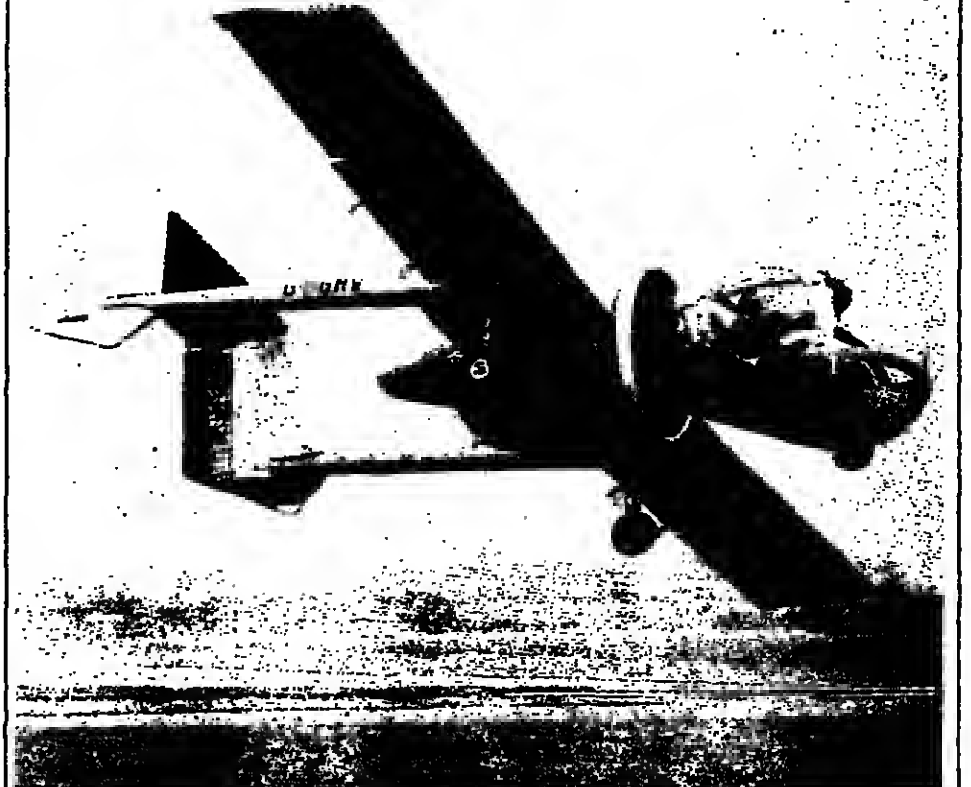
Doctors from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis studied 217 persons and found that those with this extra genetic material are nearly twice as likely to have diabetes as adults. However, it was uncommon in people with the more severe juvenile form of the disease.

The paper was published in a recent issue of *New England Journal of Medicine*.

"It's not the insulin gene itself, but it's very near it," said Dr. Peter S. Rotwein, who directed the research. "It's less than half a gene away."

The researchers are not sure what this extra material does or how it affects diabetes. But they guess that it may act with other genes or material outside the body to develop the disease. Rotwein said the paper describing the partial gene is "no more than the beginning of a genetic classification using the tools of molecular biology."

The doctors found that even though this extra genetic material is more common in diabetics, healthy people may have it, too.



BUG-EYE AIRCRAFT: Britain has started production of a new aircraft with a large bubble cabin set out in front of the engine and wings which gives its pilot and two passengers, seated side by side, a panoramic view equal to that from a helicopter.

Computer counts calories

By Keith Gaveal

CHICAGO (AP) — For dieters who have everything but success, Harry Friedman has developed a computerized scale that counts calories not to mention carbohydrates, protein, fat, cholesterol and salt.

The device, called Compucal works like a grocer's digital scale, printing out calorie counts for almost 700 foods.

The 2-pound battery-powered Compucal stores information on all kinds of foods, including both generic and name brands. An accompanying index lists three-digit codes for foods.

He demonstrated Compucal at a housewares exposition this week, putting chocolate bar on the scale, then entering its code. He got its exact weight, both metrically and in pounds and ounces.

In addition, the computer said the candy bar contained 392 calories, 6.8 grams of protein, 26.2 grams of fat, 37.8 grams of carbohydrates, 58 milligrams of sodium and no cholesterol.

Then Friedman took a bite of the candy bar and put it back on the computer. It dropped to 326 calories.

"I wish I hadn't done that," he said with a laugh. "I didn't need those 60 calories."

The computer also measures various liquids, automatically subtracting the weight of the container. And it will keep a running daily, weekly or monthly count of calories for up to nine individuals.

Friedman, president of Personal Computer Industries in Sherman Oaks, California, said the idea for Compucal came about three years ago as he filled a notebook with his daily intake of calories, carbohydrates and sodium from figures supplied in books and charts.

"It doesn't take long to realize that every chart is different and that portion descriptions are impossibly vague," he said.

He said his research found that about 120 million Americans exceed their ideal weight and that about a third of them are trying to do something about it. An additional 10 million are on strict diets to reduce salt intake.

"I'm not usually high on statistics, but numbers like that you can't ignore," Friedman said, noting that dieting is a \$14 billion industry in the United States. Compucal's list price is \$130.

NEXT WEEK

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Saturday, Jan. 22

The American Academy of Otolaryngology offers an informative leaflet to those suffering from tinnitus — ringing in the ears.

Sunday, Jan. 23

There is a potential danger of taking antihistamines and sedatives while driving.

Monday, Jan. 24

The DMSO (dimethyl sulfoxide) controversy goes on and on. Florida is one state that has legalized its use, but warns against prescribing industrial or veterinary grade for use by humans. The

FDA and Arthritis Foundation also say there is a potential hazard in using the industrial product.

Tuesday, Jan. 25

The heart is indeed a miracle pump, so why run the risk of putting this life-giving pump out of order by smoking?

Wednesday, Jan. 26

Men over 50 should not refuse a rectal exam because they may be embarrassed. It's the simplest way to determine whether or not prostate cancer is present.

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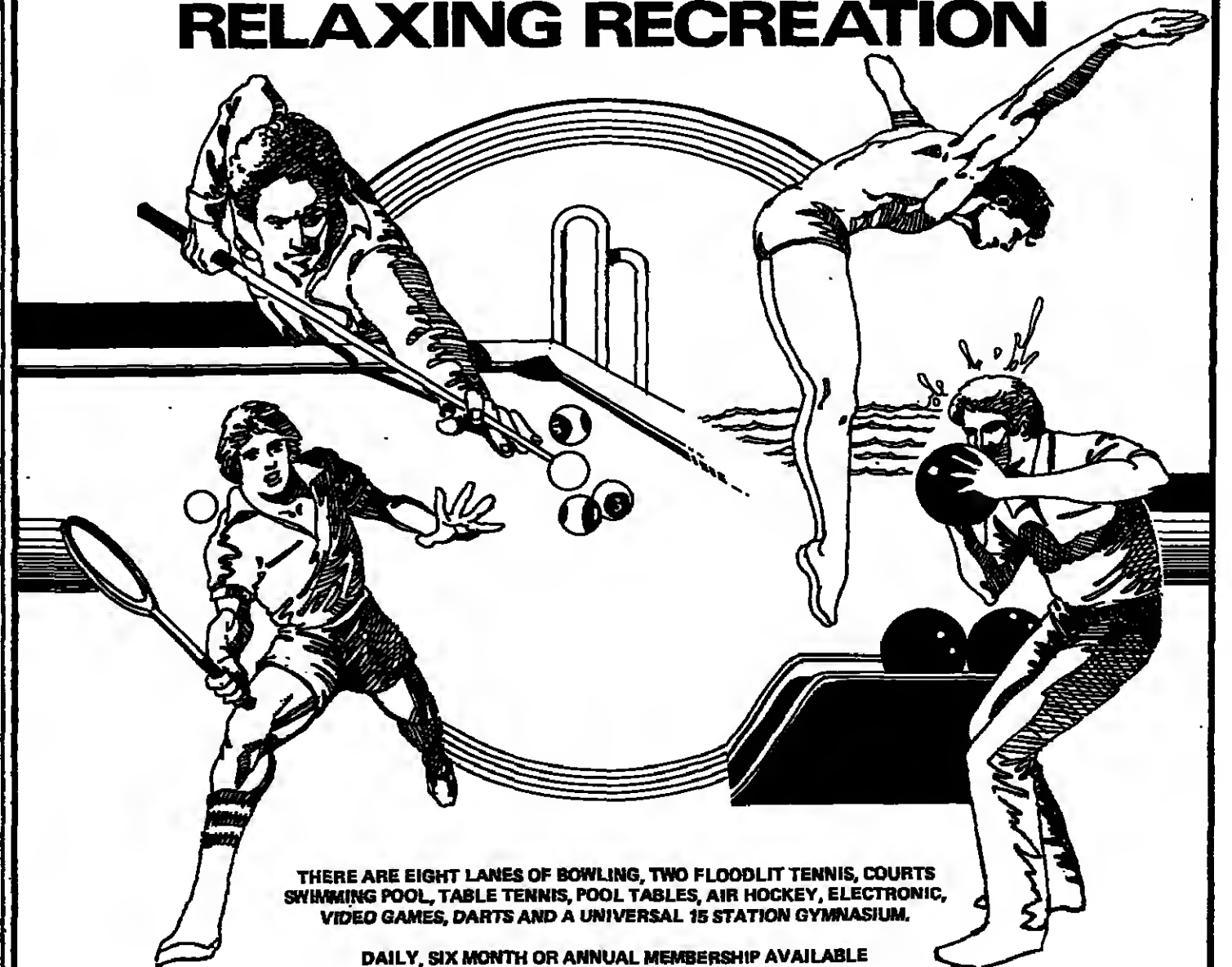
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SOME EXAMPLE?

Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon has been visiting Zaire to thank that government for resuming full diplomatic relations with it and perhaps to sell or to give its army some of the arms captured from the Lebanese, Palestinians and Syrians recently.

Sharon said he hoped that other African states which have severed relations with Israel will follow in the footsteps of President Mobutu who has set a good example by renewing ties with the Jewish state. Some example this!

When Hitler said he would soon bring Britain's neck like a chicken's, a Churchill retorted in parliament by saying "Some chicken, some neck."

What kind of an example can Mobutu set for Africa? The man was, unfortunately, saved twice from collapse by foreign troops. In the first instance Moroccan troops and Arab money defeated a large-scale rebellion against his scandalously corrupt regime. In the second instance he was saved by Belgian troops. Since then he has been propped up by the U.S. as a lackey of the nearest order.

Zaire, the former Belgian Congo colony started its independence with every indication of progress and prosperity. It had raw materials of all sorts, a sound infrastructure and a wonderful people. Until Mobutu seized power and plunged it into an abyss of corruption, graft and misrule. The country has a national debt of \$5.5 billion while Mobutu's own personal fortune, according to American estimates, stands at \$4 billion most of which is stashed away in Swiss secret accounts helping to bolster the Swiss banking system, while ruining the economy of Zaire and reducing the people to mere paupers.

What kind of an example can this megalomaniac present the African continent? In what fields of human endeavor has he been a shining beacon of enlightenment worth emulating? He is despotic, personally corrupt, repressive and destructive. Take away the support given to him by the U.S. and Western banks and he will be on his way to exile or worse in 24 hours.

The Arab states have given Zaire a great deal of money in the knowledge that it will never be repaid at the rate Mobutu is squandering the national income. But when he tried to haggle over principles of foreign policy in a crass extortionist manner, he was told to tread more carefully. When he could not extort any more he went over to Israel, and has now received his first Israeli visitor — no less than the butcher of Lebanon, the man who used the latest air raids technology to bomb women and children in the heart of Beirut. And to top it all he engineered the massacres of Sabra and Sbatila. Some example, some butcher, some host.

Saudi Arabian press review

Al-Madinah said Wednesday King Fahd was giving due attention to the current Arab situation and sparing no effort to re-establish Arab unity and solidarity to recover Arab legitimate rights and lands.

Referring to the Saudi monarch's remarks at Monday's regular weekly cabinet meeting, the paper said he had wisely explained the means to overcome obstacles hindering the Arabs from realizing their goals and to face challenges threatening their existence.

Commenting on King Fahd's contacts with Jordanian King Hussein, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and other Arab and Islamic leaders, the paper said the Arab and Islamic nation was anxious to see such contacts turning into full success.

Al-Jazira said Saudi Arabia was playing an important role both at regional and international levels to defend the Arab and Islamic nation's rights and to unite its ranks in order to "confront the Zionist enemy's plots in the region."

The paper said King Fahd's remarks on the importance of inter-Arab contacts and an Arab League delegation's contacts with the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council on a Pan-Arab peace plan, reflected the Saudi monarch's firm belief that such contacts would give momentum to the peace process under way in the Middle East to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict.

It called for a joint Arab stand to foil Zionist expansionist designs in the region and to counter Israeli plans to tighten its grip on Arab occupied lands.

Al-Riyadh praised Saudi Arabia's leading role in unifying Arab ranks and healing Arab peripheral differences especially at such a "crucial" stage facing the Arab nation. The Kingdom's policy of logic and reason can recover Arab usurped rights and bring about a just and durable peace in the Middle East, the paper said.

It added that the Kingdom's diplomatic moves would also prevent Israel from obliterating the Arab major cause, namely the Palestine cause. (SPA)



Reagan's glitter diminishes as criticisms mount

By Ralph Harris

WASHINGTON —

After two years of dazzling political success, President Reagan at mid-term finds himself besieged by critics who accuse him of failed leadership and facing crucial tests of his presidency at home and abroad.

Opposition Democrats, buoyed by gains in last November's congressional elections, are spoiling for fights on record post-war unemployment, rapidly growing federal deficits, huge defense outlays and nuclear arms control. Moderate Republicans, worried about the 1984 elections, are trying to coax Reagan toward compromise on military and social spending policy in the new Congress, which will hear his annual state of the union address next Tuesday.

Republicans on the far right, once his political base, say the president has already given too much to the moderates and abandoned his conservative principles. Opinion polls show the public now has even less confidence in him than it had in Jimmy Carter at the mid-point of his presidency four years ago. Amid the furor Reagan himself remains totally confident.

He displays all the persuasive charm and affability that disarmed opponents during his first two years in office and helped bring about the most radical economic policy shifts the United States has seen in 50 years. He keeps his own counsel on whether he will seek re-election in 1984, leaving Democrats and Republicans alike to operate on the assumption that he will.

But he is well aware of rising criticism that his

administration has suddenly tumbled into leadership disarray, especially in its efforts to work out nuclear arms control with the Soviet Union under new Kremlin leader Yuri Andropov.

He took personal charge of a White House drive against the critics and told an unusual news conference last week it was they who were confused. "There has been such disarray approaching chaos in the press corps with regard to the subject of arms control, that I thought, before you unravelled into complete disorder, maybe we should straighten out the entire subject," he said. He denied his firing of Eugene Restow as head of the arms control and disarmament agency reflected deep divisions over arms control policy and a bowing to right-wing hardliners.

"Our allies should not be, from the things they read, concerned about whether we are lacking in determination or (suffering) from disarray," he said. But he also faces serious criticism over his handling of the economy as budget deficits approach \$200 billion and unemployment hovers at a post-war record of 10.8 percent.

Democrats are mobilizing against his plan to cut spending on social programs by another \$30 billion next year. Despite some good economic news, including sharp cuts in inflation and interest rates, his public opinion ratings have slipped sharply.

A Gallup poll taken in December and published a few days ago showed 50 percent of those surveyed disapproved of the way he was handling his job. Only 41 percent supported him. Jimmy Carter had a 51 percent approval rating at the same point in his presidency. Richard Nixon had 52 percent. John F. Kennedy 76 percent, and Dwight Eisenhower 69

percent. The criticisms of Reagan are becoming similar to those levelled against Carter, his immediate predecessor, who was also accused of being a poor leader. White House aides dismiss this as "poppycock" spread by the press.

They acknowledge his drop in the polls but express confidence in his reputation as "the great communicator" and his record of making dramatic political recoveries by rallying public support. He remains personally popular, gets credit for declining inflation rates and has been praised for foreign policy moves like his new Middle East peace proposal. But besides the shift in political mood, he also faces a loss of firm voting support on Capitol Hill.

Earlier, he was able to nullify Democratic control in the House of Representatives by holding Republican ranks solid and winning frequent support from conservative Democrats. This produced a slim voting majority that enabled him to slash spending on social welfare programs, boost defense outlays to record peacetime levels and reduce taxes in the hope of stimulating economic recovery.

But the recovery has not occurred. In last November's congressional elections, dominated by unemployment and other economic discontents, the Democrats gained 26 house seats. The Republicans kept a majority in the Senate but several Reagan loyalists barely won re-election and are no longer willing to accept his leadership automatically.

Moderate Republican powers like Senate majority leader Howard Baker of Tennessee, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Robert Dole of Kansas and house minority leader Robert Michel of

Illinois are urging him to moderate his commitment to defense spending and reconsider his opposition to tax increases to curb runaway federal deficits.

Leaks from White House aides, which Reagan is trying to plug, suggest he might consider tax rises to take effect only in 1985 or later, and other measures contrary to his basic conservative philosophy. He has already agreed to cut planned defense outlays by a modest \$8 billion in 1984.

With many Republicans bolting ranks, they refused to approve production funds for the MX missile despite Reagan's argument that the new strategic weapon is "essential" to counter Soviet power and push Moscow to negotiate real arms control agreements. The missile's future will be decided this spring after a presidential commission recommends an alternative to Reagan's controversial plan to deploy the MX in a "dense pack" formation.

Reagan has started making moves that might improve his low poll-ratings among women, blacks and the jobless. He nominated women this month to succeed two cabinet officers. Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis and Health Secretary Richard Schweiker, who resigned to take higher-paying jobs in private business.

In his state of the union message, he is expected to criticize discrimination against women in private pension and insurance programs and propose incentives for industry to hire the hard-core unemployed, many of whom are blacks.

But if he says he will withdraw he will become a "lame duck" president with his influence suffering another major setback. (R)

Bhutan looking for wider contacts with Asian neighbors

By Prakash Chandra

NEW DELHI —

Bhutan, the stamp-sized Buddhist kingdom in the Himalayas, seems to be emerging from its self-imposed isolation. It is now looking for wider contacts, especially trade, with its South and South-East Asian neighbors.

This new posture apparently has the blessings of India which has a major say in Bhutan's external relations through a treaty signed in 1949. A senior diplomatic analyst here told *Depthnews*: "India is now in a position to allow Bhutan look for new friends and allies beyond its mountain borders. New Delhi put its foot down only a few years ago when the Chinese approached the Bhutanese for talks about their common borders. The Chinese were told in no uncertain terms that they had to negotiate with India to discuss Bhutan's borders with China."

With the easing of India's posture, direct talks are now expected for a new treaty which will define the borders between China and Bhutan. It is also possible that the Chinese might start trading with Bhutan in a significant manner. At the same time, there are signs that China is willing to give development assistance to the kingdom.

Bhutan became a U.N. member in 1973 through India's initiatives. As a result, the country became a recipient of various U.N. assistance. In fact, the U.N. Development Program now has a permanent representative in Thimpu, the Bhutanese capital.

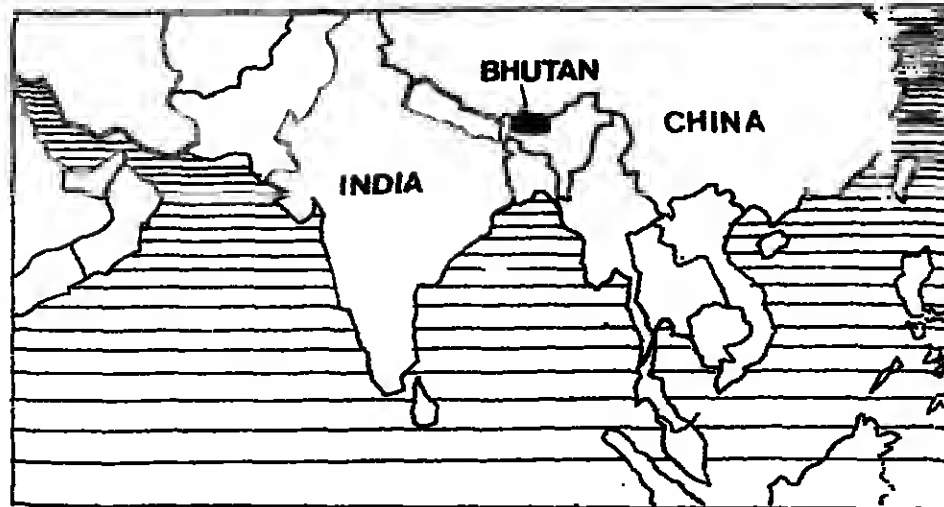
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No 'arguments' could meet with success and subsequently I was driven to the end of the queue again. After long waits, the remaining two letters were registered, that too with hatred. Could we expect a little more mercy and cooperation from such centers?

E.V.A. Wahid,
Jeddah.



According to senior Bhutanese officials, they are more concerned with the country's social and economic development than playing a diplomatic or political role. Cooperation with South Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations is one of the main planks of the Bhutanese policy.

A new trade arrangement with India is under way. Detailed negotiations for transit arrangements have been held to enable Bhutan to sell its goods through India to Bangladesh. Bhutan has already established diplomatic ties with Bangladesh, as well as with Singapore and Hong Kong.

As it seeks to expand its contacts with the outside world, Bhutan has taken pains to emphasize it would not make any move that may even remotely embarrass India. In recent diplomatic exchanges, the Bhutanese told their South Asian colleagues that India occupies a unique position in the region. And in all this, India has maintained a tight watch over the Bhutanese moves.

During the 1962 border war between India and China, Indian troops were sent to guard the strategic tri-junction which India has with Bhutan and Tibet. As one Indian security expert said: "It is vital that India should have special relations with Bhutan to enable it to secure its borders and prevent a massive Chinese attack — if it occurs at all. Bhutanese cooperation is absolutely essential to safeguard India's security." For this reason,

Indian experts have helped train the Bhutanese army.

On the economic front, India has been assisting Bhutan since the '50s. Bhutan's first and second five-year plans costing some \$40 million were totally assisted by New Delhi. Indian experts also helped build the first modern highway, a 120-mile stretch linking Indian and Bhutanese towns.

The fourth five-year plan envisages an expenditure of \$70 million. Almost all of it is being met by India; the fifth plan envisages a total outlay of \$274 million. This includes the setting up of a radio station and spread of education through a chain of schools. Again, India is expected to shoulder the bulk of the expenditure. One Indian expert sums it up: "We would like Bhutan to open its doors to foreign tourists and Western technical know-how. But we do not want it to be swamped and flooded by foreign experts who may destroy its essential character." For instance, some Indian environmentalists believe that New Delhi should not hurry up the pace of industrialization in the kingdom. "Let us not do what we did in India and destroy the essential beauty of a rare country, untouched by industrial culture. Yet, it cannot remain a museum piece. We have to help Bhutan to raise the living standards of its people. But let us not be in too much hurry about it."

Indications are that the Bhutanese themselves

are in no great hurry to step up their development. According to some U.N. experts, the Bhutanese are very careful about new industrial projects. They would like to develop tourism but not at the expense of destroying everything that they have cherished for centuries. (Depthnews)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Jan. 20, the 20th day of 1983. There are 345 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1265 — England's parliament meets for the first time.

1839 — Chile wins battle of Yungay against Peru-Bolivian federation, resulting in the dissolution of that union.

1878 — Allies fail to affect accord between Russia and Turkey in the Balkans.

1936 — Accession of Edward VIII on death of George V of Britain.

1957 — South Africa denies port facilities to Indian vessel in retaliation for Indian sanctions against South Africa.

1958 — Russia threatens Greece with economic sanctions if it agrees to installation of NATO missile bases on its territory.

1960 — Belgian Congo conference in Brussels agrees to full independence.

1963 — Turkey agrees to U.S. proposal that U.S. remove its Jupiter missiles from bases in Turkey.

1970 — Attempted coup in Baghdad in which Iran is accused of collusion.

1973 — Heavy fighting is reported in Vietnam as both sides seek to improve military positions before ceasefire is declared.

1975 — Britain abandons plans made with France for tunnel under English Channel to link the two countries.

1982 — In a letter to U.S. President Ronald Reagan, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin reassures the U.S. that Israeli troops will not make attacks on Lebanon unless provoked by Palestinian or Syrian forces.

Thought for today:
Do what you feel in your heart to be right, for you will be criticized anyway — Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, U.S. stateswoman (1884-1962).

Lacking nuclear safeguards

China denied American high technology

By Michael Paris

PEKING (LAT) — The ailing American nuclear power industry is being cut out of billions of dollars of potential sales here by the failure of the United States to reach an agreement with China on nuclear cooperation.

Negotiations on an agreement have been stalled for more than a year, largely by the apparent indecision within the Reagan administration on what safeguards should be required of China, which already has nuclear weapons, in return for U.S. civilian nuclear technology and equipment.

The prolonged delay is seen by some Chinese officials as further evidence of U.S. reluctance to provide sensitive high technology as promised, and the whole affair has cast some doubts over the long-term prospects for Sino-American economic cooperation, in which nuclear power once figured prominently.

U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz may try to break the deadlock during his February visit to Peking, since Chinese officials see such political implications in the failure to conclude an agreement. However, the matter is not yet on the agenda, and it would require resolution of difficult policy questions within the Reagan administration first.

The need for an agreement is pressing because China has embarked on a major nuclear power program to ease its severe energy shortage. Plans for the first two commercial nuclear power stations have been announced: an 1,800-megawatt twin reactor of foreign design and equipment, and a smaller, 300-megawatt plant with Chinese technology, but some imported components. Four to six more plants are likely to achieve China's goal of 10 million to 15 million kilowatts capacity in nuclear power by 2000.

Potential U.S. sales of nuclear power technology, equipment, and possibly enriched uranium to China were estimated at \$8 billion to \$25 billion through the 1980s and 1990s, according to an industry study, which used 1980 prices.

But American suppliers are prohibited by law from all but the most general discussions until there is a governmental agreement providing safeguards and a general framework for nuclear cooperation.

Peking has indicated that it will not wait for Washington, now that it has made the basic decision to proceed with its nuclear power program, and will deal with European suppliers instead, according to U.S. industry representatives here and in Tokyo and Hong Kong.

China had intended, for example, to buy U.S. equipment and technology for the 1,800-megawatt twin-reactor plant planned for southern China's Guangdong province, a \$5-billion project that would serve both Canton and Hong Kong. The design will still be based on Westinghouse Electric Corporation's pressurized water reactor. But the

French nuclear plant construction company Framatome, a Westinghouse licensee, is likely to get the order, although Westinghouse's British licensee also will bid. The Carter administration approved the Framatome sale in 1978, when France offered to underwrite it with low-cost government credits.

China has already concluded a joint research and development program with the French Atomic Energy Agency, whose officials said it was not related to the proposed Framatome sale, but certainly an indication of closer cooperation between the two countries.

A similar agreement is under discussion with Britain, and a high-level Chinese delegation visited London in November to seek assistance in nuclear power development.

Westinghouse has orders for about \$20 million worth of components for a smaller, Chinese-designed plant, which will be built 75 miles southwest of Shanghai on Hangzhou Bay facing the East China Sea. But it has been given a March deadline by Peking to get an export license from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Commission officials have said in Washington that they believe the 1978 law requires a government agreement before even plant components may be sold.

Borg-Warner Corporation's Byron Jackson Pump Division in Los Angeles has a similar order for two coolant pumps for the Hangzhou Bay Plant, according to industry sources, but has not yet been granted a U.S. export license.

In June, Chinese officials interrupted the planned agenda of talks with visiting Assistant Commerce Secretary Raymond J. Waldmann to press for early conclusion of the nuclear cooperation agreement.

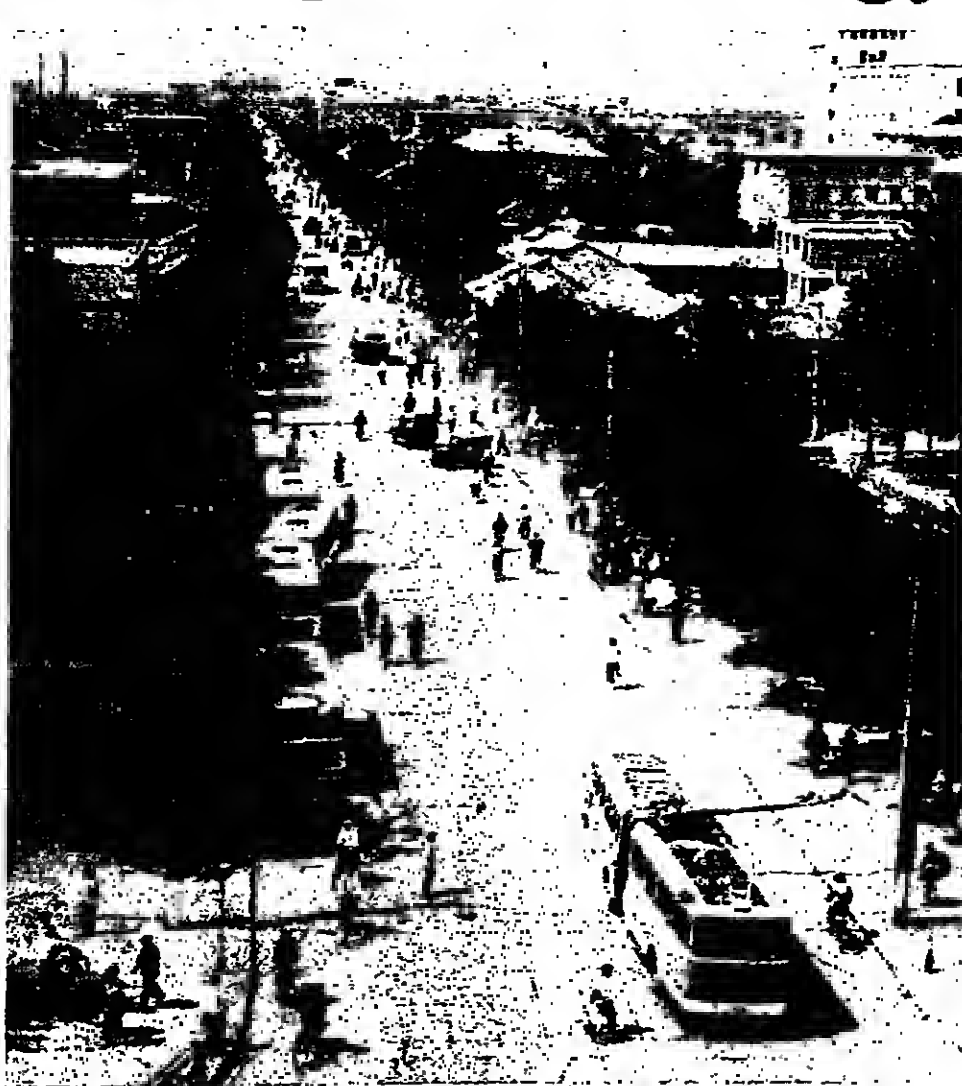
"U.S. companies would not be able to bid in the absence of such an agreement," Waldmann acknowledged.

Two key issues have emerged, according to American and Chinese government and industry sources.

The first is international inspection of Chinese nuclear facilities. The 1978 U.S. legislation, intended to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons, bars transfer of American nuclear materials, equipment and technology to nations that have not signed the 1968 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty or joined the International Atomic Energy Agency, which safeguards standards and inspects civilian nuclear facilities to ensure that there is no diversion to military use.

China, which exploded its first atomic bomb in 1964, has refused to do either, arguing not only that it has been a "nuclear state" for nearly two decades but also that the non-proliferation measures are designed to maintain the "nuclear monopoly of the two superpowers." Moreover, it sees inspection as an infringement of its sovereignty.

Possible compromises could involve separating the operation and inspection of China's civilian nuclear facilities from its



ELECTRIC BUS : This is the city of Shanghai in China where the only means of transport is electric bus. But even for running its public transport, China needs a fully developed power supply system for which it is depending on U.S. and other Western countries.

military program, as the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain have done, or at least separating those facilities built with foreign participation. The second set of issues, equally difficult, involves safeguards on China's own sales and transfers of nuclear materials and technology.

James L. Malone, assistant secretary of state for the oceans and international environmental and scientific affairs, recently told a trade publication, *Nucleonics Week*, that China has flatly refused to impose non-proliferation safeguards on its nuclear sales and implied that this was now the main barrier to a Sino-American agreement and winning congressional approval for it.

Malone and other U.S. officials have accused China of providing nuclear materials, such as low-enriched uranium and heavy water, and advanced nuclear technology to countries, including South Africa, Argentina and Pakistan. All three are believed to be

developing nuclear weapons and have refused to accept international safeguards.

China has acknowledged that it sells small amounts of nuclear materials, and it has recently been solicited larger sales in Western Europe and Japan, but only on an understanding that the buyers "will not transship our supplies to third countries, particularly South Africa and Israel, or use them for non-peaceful purposes," according to the foreign ministry here.

Li Gen, Vernon A. Walters, a retired American intelligence officer who serves as President Reagan's ambassador-at-large, visited Peking last summer to get firmer assurances from Chinese officials than this. Although Washington reports said Walters did not get the pledges the United States wanted, Western diplomats here say that China does now appear to be tightening its export controls.

Hitler & Mussolini-- history's odd couple

By William Guttman

LONDON (LOS) — When Hitler came to power 30 years ago on Jan. 30, 1933, he addressed a message of solidarity and admiration to Benito Mussolini, by then long established as Italy's Duce. Mussolini reacted by praising Hitler's triumph as a victory for Fascism and Nazism.

Thus began a special relationship which, despite ups and downs, was to last throughout Hitler's 12 years in power, linking his own destiny with that of the Duce right up to the end in the last days of April 1945. It was a unique alliance in the history of dictatorships.

During his reign, Hitler was in regular touch with Mussolini. There were meetings, messages, sometimes communications of a very personal nature. Indeed that personal relationship was the basis of the Italo-German 'Axis'.

It is fairly certain that Hitler felt a genuine friendship for Mussolini; indeed, as a British historian notes with some astonishment, he seems to have been about the only person who liked the Italian dictator. Hitler is on record as having expressed himself in such terms as "I have a deep friendship for this extraordinary man" or (on the occasion of their last meeting) "I look on you as my best and possibly my only friend in the world."

Mussolini, crafty though he was, was perhaps incapable of simple straightforward sentiments of friendship. Still he was pleased by Hitler's flattery and admired many of Hitler's traits and achievements — admirable at any rate in Mussolini's eyes.

Comparing Hitler and Mussolini to the most familiar figures among the dictators of our time, both of the left and right — Lenin, Stalin, Krushchev, Brezhnev, Mao, Tito, Castro, Franco, Peron, Salazar, Ataturk — nothing remotely similar to their relationship can be discovered.

They were indeed the odd couple out among their fellow-tyrants and the first, but by no means only oddity, was the fact that

indeed they were a couple. Of course there have been periodical contacts between other dictators — state visits, funerals, crisis meetings and so on — but nothing like the lasting personal relationship of Hitler and Mussolini; their relationship even with fellow dictators of the same persuasion, notably Franco, was never intimate.

And in the Red camp it is easier to find enthusiastic quarrels — in the Soviet Union, China, Yugoslavia — than enthusiastic friendships.

They were odd in another respect. With the exception of Castro who is still with us, all the dictators in the above list died a natural and peaceful death in their beds (officially, at least), leaving their respective countries in a stable condition.

Mussolini, after a sort of trial by Italian partisans, was shot on April 28, 1945; two days later, on April 30, Hitler died by his own hand; both left their countries defeated, in chaos, ruin and misery. Both died together with their mistresses, Eva Braun (though Hitler made an honest woman of her by marrying her the day before her death) and Clara Petacci. It is tempting to ask whether either of these two men, if their close ties had never existed or had been severed, would have avoided their fate.

It is a fair guess that Mussolini, if he had not linked his destiny to Hitler's, might have survived just like Franco in Spain. Indeed Mussolini himself, writing toward the end, speculated that if he, like Franco, had kept out of Hitler's war, Fascist Italy might have continued its existence in the same manner as Falangist Spain.

Hitler, too, might have done better without Mussolini. The soft underbelly of the Axis, as Churchill so aptly called Italy, turned out to be an encumbrance for Germany, drawing as it did, more strength in men and material than it contributed; moreover Italian defeats in Greece, and North and East Africa gave an enormous boost to the British, strengthening their morale and determination.

Obsession with water

By Arjuna

MANILA (Depthnews) — What is it in water that drives a young Bangladeshi engineering student into a near-obsession with it?

For days on end, Farooque Ahmed discreetly observed the activities of villagers in the vicinity of a water pump. The villagers were also questioned about how far they had to go to get water, how long collection took and what they used the water for — drinking, washing, bathing, sanitation or food and drink for cattle.

Expectedly, his obsession with water brought Ahmed problems: women were reluctant to talk, villagers would not allow close observation of water points, while it was difficult to observe people at night and at peak periods of collection. Water vessels were of different sizes making it hard to estimate the quantities.

But Ahmed's efforts paid well, not only for a Master's thesis at the Department of Civil Engineering at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology in Dhaka. It also brought valuable insights into the water habits of three districts of southwestern Bangladesh — Kushtia, Jessore and Khulna.

For instance, he found that Kushtia people preferred household wells which were cheap and easily constructed within the compound. Everywhere ponds were used until the dry weather lowered the water level and people had to turn to tubewells.

Improving water supply and sanitation is particularly difficult in Bangladesh which has

the world's highest rural population density. The dry season is very dry and the wet season very wet. The water in rivers, ponds and even wells is contaminated because of poor sanitary conditions. And Ahmed's study offered valuable information on why people often choose open ponds over safer tubewells.

Or why Bangladeshi women prefer ponds. They prefer traditional wells and ponds because these meant a sheltered or private area, while tubewells are completely open. Moreover, it took more time to collect water from a tubewell in peak collection times in the early morning and late evening. Congested tubewells sent many people to the surface water for bathing and washing.

Another problem was the high iron and chloride content in the groundwater — this was often beyond the medical tolerance limit. In Jessore, people had various sources including a river, ponds, wells and easily accessible tubewells. But all the 100 households surveyed used the surface sources.

Tradition and habit weighed against the tubewells — the safer source — and villagers were also ignorant of the dangers of using unprotected water. Differences in taste, smell and color of the water were appreciated but not its biological quality.

The idea of understanding local needs before launching water programs is not new, and some of Ahmed's findings are fairly obvious. Its importance is that the study has aroused the interest of planners, and UNICEF officials believe it could be crucial to long-term water supply and sanitation programs in the country.

From Quito to Guayaquil Exciting trip in an old train

By Michael Blair

QUITO, Ecuador (R) — For an outlay of \$2, a 12-hour rail journey from Quito to Guayaquil offers extinct volcanoes, hair-raising mountain turns and one of the best tourist bargains in Latin America.

Plunging thousands of meters from the barren mountain deserts that surround the capital city of Quito to the tropical jungles of the coast, the railway carries travelers through villages and countryside unchanged for centuries.

But time is catching up with this spectacular relic from another age and a government program to improve it has fallen behind schedule due to Ecuador's economic recession.

An engineering triumph when it was first built in 1908, the 447-kilometer single-track railway now shows its age and many travelers prefer to make the trip from Quito to the country's commercial center by plane.

A railway official said, "the rails in general have very little strength left in them and most of the joints are in bad shape. The timetables of the journey are not guaranteed and trains are prohibited from going at more than 50 kms per hour."

But despite its age and inefficiencies the railway provides one of the world's most unusual rail trips and its 20 carriages carried two million passengers in 1981. In 1980 the government decided to preserve the service for its tourist value.

The train moves in fits and starts along the rickety rails, stopping along the way to allow trains moving in the opposite direction to squeeze past on the single-track main line. Setting off at 6 a.m. from Quito, an ancient Inca city set in a hollow at the foot of a volcano, the train climbs up through Ecuador's central valley, zigzagging past the extinct snow-covered volcanoes that reach up over 5,000 meters high dominating the highland.

The front seats in the train are reserved for foreign tourists and Ecuadorians sit on the roof along with the luggage or sit at the back squeezed in among live hens, sacks of corn and vegetables.

The train climbs to 3,600 meters through villages and countryside little changed for 100 years and where the mainly Indian people dress in ponchos and bowler-type hats and carry babies strapped to their backs.

The fall as the train plunges to sea level is fast and precipitous. Looking out of the window one gets the impression one is on a plane rather than a train as the train appears almost to dive downhill at angles not usually associated with a railway.

At one point the train has to back down an innovative piece of engineering in the form of a zigzag track to get to the bottom of cliff known as Devil's Nose.

In contrast to the squat stone buildings in the uplands, houses on the coastal plains are made of wood bamboo with no glass in the windows.

Camel business is still brisk in Cairo market

By David Lamb

CAIRO (LAT) — It was cold and dark, not yet 6 a.m., when Muhammad Nehebi Hemdan reached his office. He parked his red Mercedes-Benz next to a herd of camels milling about in the dust and went inside, rubbing his hands against the chill and knowing that a busy day awaited him.

The small office has purple walls, a bare cement floor littered with cigarette stubs and, in one corner, a barred cashier's window where a man sits counting stacks of Egyptian banknotes. The portraits of four generations of Hemdans — all successful camel traders — look down on the wooden table where Muhammad Hemdan settled with a glass of hot, sweet tea.

"A caravan just arrived from Sudan last night — 40 days straight across the desert," said Hemdan, 34, an elegant, mustachioed figure attired in a white turban and black robe.

"Today, we should sell 100, maybe 120. As many as they bring me. I can sell. The camel business is good, very good, these days." Indeed, the recession-proof camel business is booming, just as it always has in the Middle East. And in markets from Morocco to Saudi Arabia, the tough, cantankerous and ungainly beasts of burden are fetching record prices, up to \$1,000 each. For they, better than any other creature or vehicle, have conquered the desert and can move across it as a ship upon the sea.

A good, strong camel can work for 25 years, so this is a more important investment than buying a car," Hemdan said. "They're stupid animals, no brains at all, but at work they are not afraid."

"My family's been trading camels for 80 years. We've built the business on reputation and faith. Everyone who comes up from Sudan with a caravan knows we pay a fair price. I can look at a camel right away and tell you what he's worth. Come, I'll show you."

There were perhaps 100 camels outside the office. They were nervous and cranky after their long trip — 30 days across the Sudanese desert, then 10 days on a train from Aswan to Cairo with their right-front legs double back at the knee and tied with rope to restrict their movement. Errant beasts were smacked with cane sticks across the nose and buttocks. They bellowed in pain and obeyed.

Although camels can be docile when properly trained, their temperament is unpredictable, and in rutting season they often fly into fits of rage. Their kick and bite can be lethal, and a two-ton, seven-foot-tall camel gone amok can terrorize an entire village as thoroughly as a runaway tank.

There are 24 things I look for in a good working camel," Hemdan said, running his hand along the neck of one beast. "Most important, a strong neck. You check the nerves by the rump. The toes can't be too widely spread. No broken bones from fighting. The teeth shouldn't be worn down. There should be hair on the hump, that means he has good protection against cold."

The camel can travel for days without food or water, survive on thorny bushes and dried grass, and regain lost weight by gulping 25

gallons of water in 10 minutes. Its double row eyelashes and its ability to close its nostrils for long periods of time protect the camel from sandstorms, while its soft, two-toed feet serve the same purpose as inflated tires on a dune buggy.

Single-hump, Arabian riding camels were introduced to North Africa about 2,000 years ago, revolutionizing transportation. They integrated the deserts into the economic life of the Sahara region by opening trade routes for the exchange of salt — "the prince of commodities" — and gold, and they gave the marauding Berber tribes devastating mobility.

Over the centuries, the role of camels has changed hardly at all. They remain a key to the survival of the desert people. Soldiers patrol on them. Peasants consider their boiled meat a luxury, turn their fat into soup known as Kowaree, use their hides, milk and wool. And for many thousand Arabs, they are the prime mover, of goods and people, more durable, economic and trouble-free than the finest truck money can buy.

It is in the chill of winter that the camel business is most brisk, for the roadless journey from Sudan is less hazardous without a scorching sun. Each caravan of 50 or 100 camels is led by a guide, using the stars to navigate from waterhole to waterhole, and is driven by four or five peasant outsiders. The owner of the caravan usually flies to Cairo to await its arrival.

Cairo's market, said to be the largest in the Middle East, is really only a collection of small, dark offices occupied by 25 traders along a potholed, puddled dirt road on the outskirts of the capital. Scattered about are walled-in open areas — sort of unpaved parking lots — where men sit on wooden benches, surrounded by camels, and drive as tough a bargain as any used-car salesman in the United States.



DESERT CONQUEROR : The camel, known for its ability to move like a ship in the deserts, remains the most durable and important means of transport throughout the Middle East.

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"These three look a little thin, but I'm willing to pay 1,150 pounds (about \$1,400) for them," a buyer said.

The seller was unimpressed and moved down the bench, farther away from the man. "You are worse than your father," the seller replied. "I won't take a piaster less than

1,200 pounds."

"All right, I'll pay 1,175," the buyer said, following the seller down the bench. A broker, sensing that a deal was near, hurried over and forcefully joined the two men's hands in an involuntary handshake, but both quickly pulled their hands away.

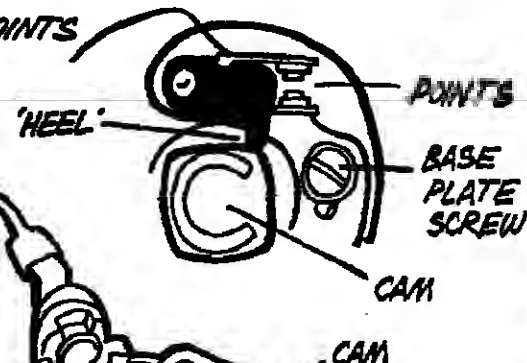
Muhammad Hemdan stood behind the buyer and seller, smiling. It was a game he enjoyed, particularly since the seller in this case was his uncle and the Hemdans usually get their price.

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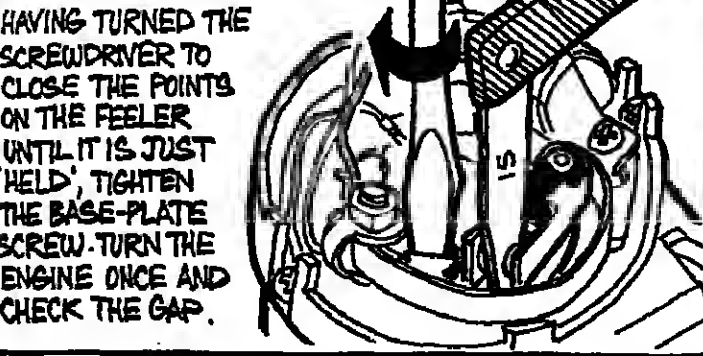
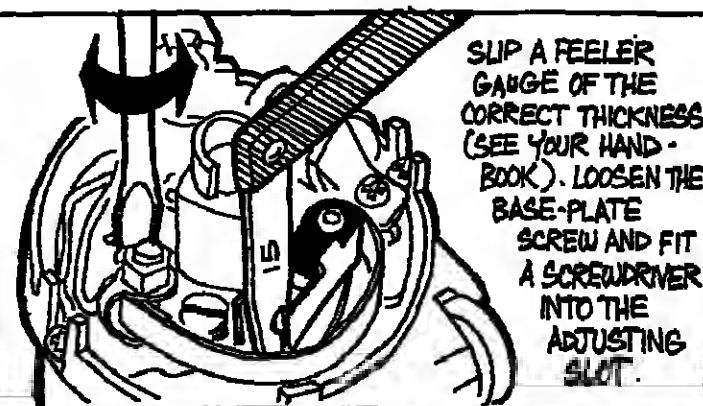
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U.S. economy slides more sharply in '82

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP) — Crimped by recession from start to finish, the U.S. economy declined more sharply in 1982 than in any other year since the 1940s, according to a new government report.

U.S. Commerce Department figures, due out later this week, were expected to show a 1982 drop of about 1.7 percent or 1.8 percent in inflation-adjusted gross national product the broadest measure of U.S. economic activity.

A drop of 1.7 percent would have tied the decline of 1947, a bigger drop would have been the worst since the 14.7 percent plunge of 1946.

Many economists, both inside and outside the administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan, say at least modest recovery is finally beginning in the first quarter of 1983. Few, however, are expecting robust growth before the end of this year at the earliest.

Japan's trade gain \$6.9b

TOKYO, Jan. 19 (AFP) — Japan achieved a \$ 6.9 billion trade surplus on a customs-clearance basis in 1982, down from a \$ 8.7 billion surplus in 1981, the finance ministry said Wednesday.

Exports totaled 138.8 billion, down 7.9 percent.

The ministry said Japan had a \$ 1.6 billion trade surplus in December, compared with \$ 1.5 billion a year earlier.

During the month, exports totaled \$ 12.5 billion, down 13.4 percent from December 1981, and imports \$ 10.9 billion, down 15.9 percent.

Reagan administration officials have not yet made their official economic projections for this year. But they have been talking in the range of 1.4 percent growth, a rate much slower than in the early stages of previous recoveries. Most private analysts are estimating at least a bit higher.

Commerce Department Undersecretary Robert Dederick, sounding more optimistic than some of his administration colleagues, noted on Tuesday that the U.S. housing industry is already pushing out of its own long downturn.

He said housing starts have risen 43 percent since October 1981, an increase that "means residential construction will be an important contributor to the general recovery which should be getting under way this quarter."

Tuesday's reports on housing starts and Americans' personal income were less than encouraging, showing 1982 starts at the lowest level since 1946 and income rising at the slowest pace since 1963. But economists said both figures were likely to be better this year as recovery picks up strength.

The recession, by most accounts, began in July 1981. But growth early in that year kept real GNP moving upward 1.9 percent for the year as a whole.

The figure had declined just 0.4 percent in 1980, the year of the most recent recession. It dropped 0.6 percent in 1974 and 1.1 percent in 1975 during the recession that spanned those years. Real GNP declined at a sharp 5.1 percent annual rate in the first three months of 1982, before temporarily reviving with gains at annual rates of 2.1 percent and 0.7 percent in the spring and summer quarters.

Poland looks to West for grain imports

WARSAW, Jan. 19 (AP) — Poland will continue to rely almost exclusively on the Soviet Union for oil and natural gas, but will also turn to Western nations — as well as wheat-poor Russia — for badly needed grain supplies, Foreign Trade Minister Tadeusz Nestorowicz has said.

Exports of Polish coal, copper and sulphur rose last year over 1981, Nestorowicz told a midday news conference, but sales abroad of silver slipped.

Poland, which must import grain this year for both fodder and human consumption, has already made cash purchases of grain this year, Nestorowicz said, but declined to specify how much or from which countries.

Poland is negotiating with Hungary, Romania, the Soviet Union, Sweden and Austria for grain deliveries during the second three months of the year, Nestorowicz said.

A Polish agriculture ministry spokesman said Poland harvested just over 21 million tons of grain last fall, a figure which knowledgeable Polish sources say is 4 million tons short of its needs for the year ending in July 1983. The harvest was 17.2 million tons in 1981.

U.S. car sales dip

DETROIT, Jan. 19 (AFP) — Sales of diesel cars in the United States dropped 31.6 percent last year to 356,191 units — their lowest level since the 279,707 units sold in 1970, the specialist magazine *Ward's Auto* magazine reports said here.

The magazine added that sales of diesel cars last year represented 4.5 percent of total U.S. car sales, down from 6.1 percent in 1981. It predicted a small improvement this year.

Asia-Pacific labor talks conclude

TOKYO, Jan. 19 (AP) — Thirty-three labor ministers from the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific region wound up a conference here Wednesday, emphasizing the importance of safety in the workplace and the development of human resources.

For the first time, Arab countries participated in the Asian and Pacific labor ministers' conference increasing the number to 33 nations, the largest gathering in the past nine conferences, which are held once every two years.

The Arab countries had decided to sit in with the Asia-Pacific nations because the Mideast states belong to the Asian governments group within the International Labor Organization (ILO). Japanese labor ministry officials said.

During the three-day meeting, ministers focused on safety and sanitation standards and worker rehabilitation after on-the-job injuries, among other issues. "Industrial injury prevention is of paramount importance not only in respect to the human dignity of workers, but also in increasing productivity, thereby contributing toward social and economic development," says a statement in

Bombay textile strike enters 2nd year

BOMBAY, Jan. 19 (AP) — When it was launched last year on Jan. 13, most people believed that the general strike in the city's 68 textile mills would last a few weeks.

One year later, a vast majority of the 250,000 workers who struck are still staying away from the mills, though mill owners claim that 80,000 have returned and the operations are limping back to normal.

"We need only 35,000 more workers and some additional finance from banks and the government," said R.L.N. Vijaynagar, secretary-general of the Millowners' Association.

This claim was rejected by Datta Samant, a doctor-turned-union boss whose unrecognized Maharashtra Girmikangar Union is spearheading the agitation. "Hardly 5 or 6 percent of the workers have returned to their looms," Samant said.

The workers are demanding permanent status for nearly 40,000 temporary workers who do the same work as the rest but are deprived of medical and other benefits. They also want a rise in wages ranging from 450 to 600 rupees (\$ 47 to \$ 63) a month, and scrapping the Bombay Industrial Rela-

Mexico takes step to create 700,000 jobs

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 19 (AP) — The government has announced a \$2.7 billion emergency program to create up to 700,000 jobs in a nation where some private estimates say 40 percent of the workforce is unemployed or underemployed.

Budget and Planning Minister Carlos Salinas de Gortari announced the project Tuesday, calling it "indispensable to keep many Mexicans from losing their jobs" and worsening the country's already serious unemployment problem. The cost of the program was included in the 1983 budget, he said.

Mexico's unemployment rate officially was 8 percent when President Miguel de la Mad-

U.S. undersells flour to Egypt

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AFP) — The United States went on the offensive against European farm export subsidies by announcing the sale of a million tons of flour to Egypt below ruling world prices.

An Agricultural Department spokesman said that the government would supply U.S. millers with the grain from federal stocks, thereby enabling them to meet the contract price of over \$150 million.

Informed sources took the decision as a victory for Washington "hardliners" — particularly for Agricultural Secretary John Block.

They said that the State Department would have preferred Washington not to start subsidizing farm exports as a reprisal against European subsidies while talks with the European Economic Community on the row are still going on. The talks started here last week and are slated to continue in coming weeks.

Reliable sources said that Block managed to persuade the government that the Europeans needed to be shown that Washington's threat of reprisals against European export subsidies were not idle ones.

Shrimp Week

The conference agreed that governments should provide workers with medical, vocational and social rehabilitation services to ensure that the injured can be reintegrated into the work force and "return to a normal life in the community," according to the joint communique.

"It was the first time the ministers recognized the importance of legally-backed safety and sanitation standard, and we agreed that there should be more international cooperation in this field, besides training programs," said Hideo Mori, Japan's assistant minister of labor and secretary-general of the conference.

He said countries of the region were faced with "severe" problems, including war. He said Iranian and Iraqi delegates argued with each other, saying that the five-year Iran-Iraq war was seriously affecting labor conditions in their nations.

On the pending revision of the ILO charter, ministers of the Asian governments group agreed on a basic framework for the allotment of seats in ILO's governing body, Mori said.

La Semaine de la Crevette

The current average income of a mill-worker, according to Samant, is roughly 500 rupees (\$52) per month though the owners claim it is twice that figure.

Many of the "temporary" employees have also worked for up to 10 years on daily wages of 10 rupees (about \$ 1) and the owners have decided that none of them will be taken back.

In statistical terms, the loss due to the strike is monumental: 91 million work days, 101 billion cloth meters of production at a nominal rate of 10 rupees per meter, and 2.75 billion rupees (nearly \$ 290 million) in exports.

Incalculable loss also has been suffered by ancillary units supplying raw material to the mills and many small businesses in central Bombay areas where workers reside have closed down.

\$2.7b program announced

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rid took office Dec. 1, Salinas de Gortari said. However, business leaders say 1.2 million Mexicans have lost their jobs since August and 40 percent of the workforce is either unemployed or work in marginal, part-time jobs that provide only a subsistence-level income. Another 1 million people may be laid off by midyear before production picks up again, private economists say.

A flood of young people born in the mid-1960s, when Mexico had one of the world's highest birth rates, are now seeking jobs for the first time, worsening the employment outlook, Salinas de Gortari said. The employment program, designed to create between 500,000 and 700,000 jobs, is divided into

A government communique said that the flour sale to Egypt signalled a major effort to compete with other nations on the important Egyptian wheat flour market, which is the world's biggest and currently dominated by France.

The communique said that exporters from other countries had used government export subsidies to sell flour to Egypt that was cheaper than U.S. prices.

Department of Agriculture sources said that France has been selling Egypt a million tons of flour a year for several years. U.S. flour sales to Cairo, by contrast, are running at only 450,000 tons a year, entirely through the "food for peace" program.

Official sources said that Washington would accord Egypt short-term credits to help it pay for the latest sale of U.S. flour.

rural and critical urban zones. The plan for rural areas is to provide 350,000 jobs through government spending, most of them in road building and maintenance.

Urban programs, which will provide the rest of the jobs, will focus initially on 12 areas, including Mexico City and the border states of Tamaulipas, Chihuahua and Nuevo Leon, and provide employment in water, sewerage and housing projects.

To promote industrial employment, the government will focus its spending on the domestic market, provide tax and tariff breaks, make it easier to obtain foreign exchange and assist in arranging payment of foreign debts.

Many Mexican industries have closed and the government has said others have reached their limits because of the inability to obtain foreign exchange or credit to import raw materials needed to keep plants running.

Foreign exchange controls imposed in September were relaxed in December, but the government acknowledges that business and industry have been able to obtain little foreign currency.

Other steps in De la Madrid's austerity program have included lifting subsidies on food, fuel and transportation, eliminating price controls on thousands of products, raising taxes and slashing the budget deficits.

Other measures became necessary when Mexico became unable to make payments on its \$83 billion foreign debt, one of the largest in the Third World. The International Monetary Fund has agreed to provide \$3.9 billion in credit over the next three years and major banks are providing another \$6 billion.

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U.S. faces retaliatory steps by China on trade

PEKING, Jan. 19 (Agencies) — China hit back Wednesday at the United States for its trade curbs on Chinese textiles, slapping a ban on imports of U.S. raw cotton, synthetic fibers and soybeans and threatening to cut purchases of other unspecified farm goods.

The move further soured the atmosphere between Peking and Washington just two weeks before the planned visit to Peking of U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz for fence-mending talks at which bilateral trade now seems likely to loom large.

Western diplomats in Peking, however, said the Chinese announcement appeared at first to be a largely symbolic gesture, as imports of the products covered by the ban had fallen sharply in the past year. "I wonder if there is not more noise than effect in this," one experienced diplomatic observer said.

China bought agricultural products worth \$1.44 billion from the United States in the first 11 months of 1982, the bulk of it wheat and corn. Total two-way trade last year exceeded \$5 billion.

The Shultz visit had been prepared in Washington as a fence-mending exercise after a relatively bad year for sino-U.S. relations, established with high hopes just four years ago.

Differences erupted over U.S. arms sales to Taiwan, and what Peking saw as American

reluctance to transfer the technology it needs for its ambitious modernization plans.

Toward the end of the year China agreed to resume talks with the Soviet Union in what was widely seen as a blow to Washington's global strategy.

The latest dispute was triggered earlier this month when a U.S. trade delegation arrived in Peking for a fourth round of negotiations on a new bilateral textile agreement to replace the one which expired at the end of last year.

Under pressure from a hard-pressed textile lobby at home, the Reagan administration wanted to hold down the growth of cheap Chinese imports to around two percent. It had already told Peking it would take unilateral steps to stem the tide if the two sides could not agree by Jan. 15.

Chinese negotiators, reported to have been seeking a six percent quota increase, were irked by what they saw as Washington's ultimatum and the talks broke down.

French trade gap touches \$13.6b

PARIS, Jan. 19 (AFP) — France recorded a total 1982 trade deficit of 92.7 billion francs (about \$13.6 billion), the external trade ministry said Wednesday.

The figure for 1981 was 58.6 billion francs, but External Trade Minister Michel Jobert said that in 1982 the trade situation was better at the end of the year than at the beginning.

The deficit in December was 5.9 billion francs on a seasonally adjusted basis, and the minister said the better year-end performance was due to the fall in the value of the dollar and to measures taken by the government.

Turkey, India to strengthen ties

ANKARA, Jan. 19 (AP) — Turkey and India signed a protocol Wednesday calling for economic and technical cooperation between the two countries. The protocol was signed at the end of a three-day joint economic commission meeting.

Economic cooperation was planned in the fields of engineering, agriculture, construction, industry and banking, official sources reported.

The sides decided to look into the possibility of setting up joint construction and engineering companies and Turkey offered to supply construction materials for Indian contracting companies in the Middle East, they said. Turkey and India also decided to start regular shipping services between the countries, sources reported.



LONG QUEUE FOR JOBS: Thousands of job seekers snaked their way through Wisconsin State Fair Park on Monday to fill out applications for 200 jobs as welders and trainees at the A.O. Smith Corp. in Milwaukee. Smith manufactures frames for General Motors and Ford trucks. An estimated 15,000 people stood in the lines in 15 degree weather.

Ready to fund GAB

Swiss to join 'Group of 10'

PARIS, Jan. 19 (AP) — Switzerland has formally notified the Group of ten major industrial nations it is ready to join the group as a full member and to take an appropriate financial share in the group's General Agreement to Borrow (GAB), qualified sources, who declined to be identified, have said.

Switzerland has held observer status in the group. It made its intentions known during a group deputies meeting Monday and formally confirmed it to the meeting here of group finance ministers and central bank governors Tuesday, the sources reported.

The sources would not say what share Switzerland would contribute to the GAB, which is a mutual safety net to meet balance of payments problems. It is also expected to be extended as a source of last resort financing for the International Monetary Fund.

The Swiss share with correspond with that country's economic and financial importance, the sources said.

The sources said Switzerland's group membership still required some discussions with IMF authorities since the group and

GAB are constituted under the auspices of the fund. IMF Managing Director Jacques de Larosiere is taking part in the Paris meeting, to be followed Feb. 10-11 with a meeting of the decision-making IMF interim committee in Washington.

Sources said IMF experts believe that whatever problems concerning Switzerland's group and GAB membership, these could be settled in a few months.

The group now comprises the United States, Britain, France, West Germany, Japan, Italy, Canada, Belgium, the Netherlands and Sweden.

Earlier, Group of Ten agreed to support an increase of some 50 percent in the resources of the IMF to meet the world debt crisis, tripled their own joint emergency funds and pledged them to the IMF as funds of last resort.

French Finance Minister Jacques Delors, hosting their meeting, told a press conference that the total resources of the fund would thus be extended to the region of \$120 billion from about \$68 billion.

EEC allows Greece to monitor import

BRUSSELS, Jan. 19 (AP) — The European Commission Wednesday gave Greece permission to monitor imports of 22 products, a decision that could lead to import quotas the Greek government says are vital to the country's economic recovery.

If Greece can prove over the next six or seven weeks that the level of imports are too high, the quotas might be approved under European Economic Community rules, an EEC spokesman said.

"This will permit the commission to gather enough information to make a definite decision on the safeguard measures requested by the Greek government," the commission said. "The urgency of the situation will be taken into account in the study of the Greek proposals."

The commission said Greece made convincing arguments that grave economic difficulties exist because of the level of imports. But it added that without more evidence it couldn't decide if the situation was bad enough to let Greece impose the restrictions. Greece has argued that the products it wants to limit amount to only 3 percent of its total EEC trade. Third countries would be

affected more. Among the items on the list are some types of cigarettes, baby food, tractors, textiles machinery, household appliances and furniture.

Greece imported about \$2.8 billion worth of goods from EEC countries in the first nine months of 1982 and exported \$1.3 billion worth. This is roughly the same ratio as in 1981, the year before Greece entered the community.

The commission initially was critical of the Jan. 9 announcement mainly because other EEC countries were not informed of the proposed trade measures beforehand and because finance ministers were not warned of a concurrent 15.5 percent drachma devaluation, the centerpiece of the Greek recovery program.

Since then, consultations have been held between commission and Greek representatives. EEC officials speaking privately Wednesday expressed satisfaction that Greece is now following accepted procedures before implementing any plans. "Nothing is irreversible," an official said. "We don't want to dramatize a situation that isn't dramatic."

Financial Roundup

Dollar's march unchecked

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Jan. 19 — The dollar continued to storm the exchanges markets Wednesday and dollar interest rates also rose sharply to offset the falls seen earlier in the week. The French and German currencies were under pressure on the continent but the German mark seemed to be the focus of attention with the money markets envisaging a reduction in the German discount rate soon. The mark traded around the 2.4210 levels at one stage before some determined Bundesbank support stopped the mark's decline. This compares with 2.3750 levels earlier in the week.

On the money markets, dollar interest rates rose sharply to regain the lost ground of the past 10 days and the one year tenor especially rose to above the 9 1/2 percent levels. Shorter dated funds were more volatile with the one-month deposit quoted around the 8 13/16 — 8 15/16 percent levels. Dealers were still mixed in their forecasts on whether the U.S. Federal Reserve Board would make that long-overdue cut in its discount rate and the "Fed's" fed fund prime lending rate will be watched with that extra amount of interest Wednesday night in New York to find out if the "Fed" was still inclined to continue with this recent policy of doing nothing on the discount rate front.

On the bullion markets, both gold and silver prices rose sharply to stand at Monday's record high levels. Gold prices registered at the \$500 level compared to a drop to \$487 on Tuesday when the dollar first

rose on the exchanges. Silver prices rose to \$13.15 an ounce on sharp trading from \$12.80 on Tuesday. Once again bullion dealers are nervous about seeing prices remain at their present levels and expect some volatility to occur in the next few days until the exchange markets settle down.

The local markets were generally active on Wednesday and local trading saw rial deposit levels register the first increases for the past one month. The week-fixed rose to 5 1/4-6 1/4 percent while the one month JIBOR rose to 5 1/4-5 3/4 percent levels. Dealing volumes were generally small but dealers were divided in their opinion on whether these rate rises would be sustained over the weekend.

The long rial deposit inter-bank rates also firmed and the one-year rate was quoted around the 8 percent level after trading around the 7 1/2 percent for most of the past week. Transactions occurred, however, in the shorter periods.

In the local exchanges the spot rial/dollar prices registered some sharp rises to trade around the 3.4406-12 levels — the first significant rise for the past few weeks when rates had been averaging at just around the 3.4401-03 levels.

LONDON (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	496.50
Paris	497.45
Frankfurt	499.96
Zurich	498.50
Hong Kong	498.16

Italy acts to resolve labor crisis

ROME, Jan. 19 (R) — Italy's labor Minister Vincenzo Scotti called in unions and management Wednesday for crucial talks on holding down wages after a one-day general strike Tuesday supported by millions of workers.

Prime Minister Amintore Fanfani has set Thursday as the deadline for a pay-restraint deal which political sources say is vital for the survival of his shaky four-party coalition.

Union leaders, buoyed by the success of Tuesday's strike, expressed cautious optimism that a deal could be reached. But a spokesman for Confindustria, the Private Industrial Employers' Federation, said he saw no sign of a break in the deadlock over the key issue of reform of the "scala mobile" system of wage indexation which automatically grants increases to match inflation.

Priests against moves to weaken the system and opposition to government austerity measures brought hundreds of thousands of workers on to the streets during Tuesday's strike, producing some of the highest mass marches seen in Italy for a decade.

For the first time in more than 10 years of tripartite leadership by the Communist-majority CGIL, Catholic CSIL and Socialist

UIL federations, the movement held no keynote speeches at the end of the protest marches.

The CGIL, with about 4.6 million members, is at odds with the smaller federations, totaling 4.2 million members, because of its tougher line against the Christian Democratic prime minister's coalition government.

Industry sources said Scotti, in separate meetings with employer and union negotiators, was expected to outline a broad package of proposals aimed at holding wages to a maximum of 13 percent this year.

The employers federation has ordered its members to stop paying flat-rate wage rises next month linked to inflation and revert to an earlier, far less comprehensive, indexation system unless the unions agree to compromise.

Employers spokesman Walter Mandelli said Wednesday the federation might pull out of the talks Thursday if there was no sign of a breakthrough.

Meanwhile, pressure on the government continued Wednesday when 30,000 small businessmen marched through Rome protesting against recent tax increases and calling for higher business incentives.

BRIEFS

WASHINGTON (AFP) — United States industry worked at only 67.3 percent of its capacity last month — the lowest on record. The U.S. Federal Reserve has reported. It added that the ratio of actual use to capacity had dropped 0.1 percent — the 15th monthly fall in 17 months. But the Fed noted that the small size of the latest cut boosted hopes that the trend would soon be reversed.

NEW DELHI (AFP) — The World Food Program extended food aid worth 8.7 million rupees (nearly \$1 million) to India under an agreement signed here. The aid, earmarked to finance rural development works in Haryana state, neighboring New Delhi, would be used as part of wage payments to workers. It was officially announced.

LONDON (AFP) — Britain's cloth production from cotton, man-made and allied fibers in November extended the decline seen over the previous two months and was sharply lower than a year ago, the latest figures from the Textile Statistics Bureau

revealed Wednesday. In all, 41,883,000 linear meters were produced over the four weeks ended Nov. 27, or 2.9 percent less than in October (43,133,000 meters) and 12 percent below output a year ago (47,585,000 meters).

SINGAPORE (R) — Consumer prices in Singapore rose 3.9 percent in calendar 1982, the lowest increase in five years, against a rise of 8.2 percent last year, department of statistics figures showed. They showed the consumer price index, base June 1977 to May 1978, rose 0.7 percent in December to 130.7, compared with a 0.6 percent rise in November.

CAIRO (R) — Egypt and Sudan, partners to a political and economic integration agreement since 1974, have decided to cancel customs duties on bilateral trade, the official Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported Wednesday. Sudan imports Egyptian pharmaceuticals, rice, cement and fertilizers while its exports to Egypt include meat, camels, beans, maize, vegetable oil and short-staple cotton.

SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closing Date
Water & Agriculture Ministry	Digging & deepening 5 wells	33/1	500	Jan. 15
	Digging 4 wells	34/1	500	Jan. 15
Interior Ministry, Civil Defense Department	Renovation of civil defense buildings in Taif & Hawiyah	32	500	Jan. 25
Khafji Municipality	Agricultural & lighting maintenance	—	1,000	Feb. 5
Buraidah Municipality	To drain sewage water	—	200	Jan. 29

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5.	Trautenbels	Alreza	Sugar	15.1.83
6.	Maldiva Pledga	Star	Barley	12.1.82
7.	Ondurman	A.E.T.	Ourr.	14.1.83
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10.	Saleh II	Kanoo	Steel/Milk/Powder	17.1.83
11.	Ibn Batoutah	S.N.L.	Gen./Containers	18.1.83
12.	Costa Atlantica	O.C.E.	Apples	18.1.83
13.	Tropicana	A.A.	Barley	13.1.83
14.	Mark U	O.C.E.	Steel/Gen.	13.1.83
15.	Union Bahama	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	13.1.83
18.	Ionian Carrier	Alsabah	Bulk Cement	18.1.83
19.	Sagr Jubail	Mesa	Gen./Cement	18.1.83
20.	Saudi Prince	S.F.T.C.	Tim/Sul/Gen.	28.12.82
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22.	Ataleya	Gulf	Gen./Contrs.	12.1.83
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24.	Antares	Gulf	Asbestos	15.1.83
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26.	Benedir	M.E.S.A.	Gen/Tim	14.1.83
27.	Saudi Star	A.E.T.	Durma	28.12.82
28.	New Dragon	O. Trade	Tires/Gen.	14.1.83
29.	Maldiva Privilege	S.C.S.A.	Tires	18.1.83
30.	Arab Mazin	M.E.S.A.	Gen/Food	14.1.83
32.	Saudi Fehd	S.C.S.A.	Tires/Timber	13.1.83
33.	Arab Al Hijaz	S.C.S.A.		

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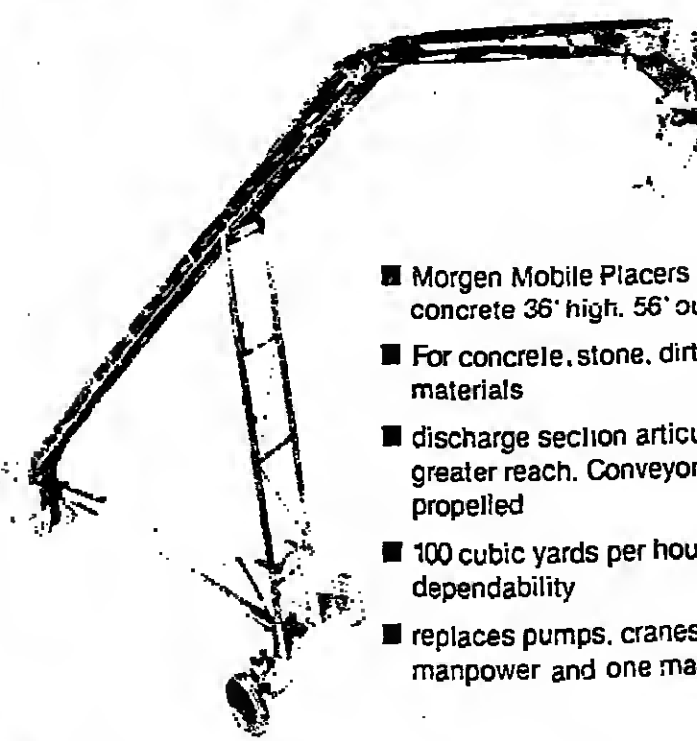
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7.	Saudi Trader	Orr	General	17.1.83
9.	Amazonamaru	AET	Steel Prod	19.1.83
12.	Pacific Importer	UEP	Steel/Cont.	14.1.83
13.	Sacramento	UEP	General	13.1.83
14.	Irish Cedar	Globe	General	17.1.83
15.	Meghna	Orr	General	15.1.83
18.	Ming Summer	Gulf	Reofer	7.1.83
20.	Hellas Freezer	Star	Malze/Timber	6.1.83
21.	Maldiva Pride	Orr	Gen./Cont.	4.1.83
22.	Kao Mu	Gosaibi	Bagged Cement	6.1.83
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To wrap up series against India

Pakistan inflicts crushing defeat

HYDERABAD, Pakistan, Jan. 19 (AFP) — Pakistan Wednesday beat India by an innings and 119 runs in the fourth cricket Test match here to clinch the six-Test series 3-0 with two Tests to spare.

Medium pacer Sarfraz Nawaz was the wrecker-in-chief claiming four Indian wickets, while spinner Abdul Qadir (2) and skipper Imran Khan shared the other three wickets which fell Wednesday. India were all out for 273 runs in their second innings, conceding victory by an innings and 27 runs about ten minutes before lunch.

India started the fifth and final day of the match at 198 for three wickets, needing another 194 runs to avoid an innings defeat. After Tuesday's determined fightback the

Indian batsmen still hoped to make up the deficit and play out the last day to draw the fourth Test and maintain a hope of leveling the series.

The 35-year-old veteran Sarfraz Nawaz had other ideas. He wrecked the Indian middle order in a devastating spell of 12 balls, claiming three wickets and dashing the tourists' hopes for saving the match and the series. Sarfraz opened the attack this morning against overnight batsman Dilip Vengsarkar. On 26, who struck Sarfraz's first effort for three runs.

This brought the other not out batsman Viswanath to face Sarfraz, who had him trapped leg before immediately with no addition to his overnight score of 37 runs. The end of

the 77-run Viswanath-Vengsarkar partnership started the slide. And at 249 for eight all recognized Indian batsmen, except Vengsarkar, were back in the dressing room.

Javed Miandad, who scored 280 runs in Pakistan's record-breaking first innings, was declared man of the match.

Meanwhile, Indian captain said, "The devastating fast bowling of Pakistan's skipper Imran Khan was the main cause of India's defeat in the fourth Test and the series."

Following Pakistan's victory by an innings and 119 runs in the fourth Test today, Gavaskar said he had no complaint about the umpiring, which was "absolutely first class." Gavaskar said Pakistan had outplayed his side in every department of the game and "they deserved the victory."

"It was Imran Khan who made all the difference. Since we last faced him in India, Imran is a vastly improved bowler. He has not lost even a yard in pace, but has gained tremendously in variety and swing," Gavaskar, who is ranked among the best batsmen in the world, said that Imran Khan had run through the Indian batting lineup "Like a knife in butter."

Score-board

Pakistan (1st innings)	351 (for 3 decl.)
India (1st innings)	189
India (2nd innings)	
S. Gavaskar c and b Qadir	60
K. Srikkanth c Malik b Imran	5
M. Azharuddin c Imran b Qadir	64
G. Viswanath b Sarfraz	37
D. Vengsarkar not out	58
Kapil Dev b Sarfraz	2
S. Kirmani b Sarfraz	0

New Star begins with a big bang

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 19 — New Star began their campaign in the Al-Husseini BMW League, conducted by the Western Province Cricket League, with a big bang last weekend.

They registered an emphatic seven-wicket victory over Jeddah Cricket Club (JCC) after nearly letting slip the match out of their hands. JCC, making the first use of the strip, were struggling at 101 for nine with New Star riding a high wave. But a last-wicket resistance from JCC saw New Star facing a bigger target of 182.

Mustafa Jan cracked a brilliant undefeated 51 with Shafiq holding out grimly at the other end, as the two added 82 valuable runs for the last wicket to JCC's total. But New Star were not overawed by the target. They began confidently with A.A. Merchant (46) and Aziz (33) setting about the JCC bowling. Shafiq pitched in with a quick 18 and then Ali (23 not out) and Rizwan (21 not out) saw New Star through.

Eleven teams are participating in the league in which the prizes have been increased. The teams participating are Abdullah Hashim, Alhijaz, AOLS, British Bank, Dallah Avco, Indian Blues, JCC, New Star, Pak Young, Saad Electronics, and Sameco.

New Star will play their second tie of the league against Abdullah Hashim XI, while Dallah Avco takes on Pak Young in the ties slated for the coming week.

Batsmen rule the roost in EPCA League

By a Staff Writer

DHAHRAN, Jan. 19 — There were centuries galore in the Eastern Province Cricket Association League as batsmen made merry last weekend.

And once again Abahsain Cricket Club's Pervaiz Butt was in the thick of action. He cracked an unbeaten 132, emulating his previous week's performance against Young Friend's Cricket Club, and along with his opening partner Mushtaq, who slammed 121, sent Zahid Cricket Club on a leather hunt. Abahsain rattled up a mammoth 330 for

two wickets in their allotted overs with Ahmed Warris (60 not out) joining in the run riot. Zahid CC, already crushed under the monumental task of bypassing the mammoth tally, succumbed without much ado. Only Jaffar Abbas (27) and Salim Baig (27) faced up to the accurate attack of Ejaz Ahmed (five for 35) and Salman (three for 37). Haroon came on late to wipe out the tail for a two for seven haul.

In the other match featuring two centuries was between Aramco Abqaiq and BAC CC at Abqaiq. But this tie was a bit different. Islamuddin led Aramco's run-glut with a

Soccer Brief

Abahsain CC 330 for 2 wks. (Pervaiz Butt 132 n.o., Mushtaq 121, Ahmed Warris 60 n.o.) beat Zahid CC 94 (Jaffar Abbas 27, Salim Baig 27, Ejaz Ahmed 5-35, Salman 3-37, Haroon 2-7).

Combined Cricket Club 158 (Sobail 66, Nadeem Tahir 31, Ifkhar 24, Azhar Hassan 6-26, Karim Jan 3-39) lost to Arabian Eagles 162 for 1 wkt. (Salim Raza 70 n.o., Ghulam Shahid 56 n.o., Shamim 1-28).

Aramco Abqaiq 315 for 8 wks. (Islamuddin 130, Sharif 84, Kausar 24, Mohsin Bhajji 4-57, Everett 2-25) beat BAC CC 252 for 3 wks. (Wahid 108 n.o., M. Bhajji 52 n.o., Yusuf 55, Peris 27).

Savlex CC 246 for 9 wks. (Anwar Butt 71 n.o., Khalid Butt 53, S. H. Magrey 33, Hahib 3-54, Bezaad 2-51) beat Mira CC 235 (Khalid 67, Baber 45, Bezaad 37, Nassem

26, Karim 2-4, Irfan 2-48, Muzammil 2-51, Anwar Butt 2-55, Khalid Butt 2-58).

Petromin CC 212 for 5 wks. (Shaukat Sheikh 70 n.o., Naseem Siddiqui 41, Farhat Wahidi 36, Fali 2-25, Aftab 2-53) lost to Juyaimah-RT CC 215 for 3 wks. (Saadullah Khan 105, Alvi 67, Iqbal Merchant 1-3).

UPM 'A' CC 153 (Salman Hamid Khan 3-57, Oazi Basharat 2-29, Nadeem 2-15 and Hafiz-ur-Rahman 2-37) lost to Orfili-nes CC 154 for 2 (Mohd. Sabir 81, Agha Nadeem 42).

YFCC 124 (Nasem Ahmad 44, Fahim Sani 31, Shahid 3-4 and Aziz 2-13) lost to AGE CC 125 for 4 in 15 overs (Qadir Jan 27 n.o., Tauheed Qureshi 26, Fahim Sani 2-41, Anwar Haider 2-35).



Woodcock... nets match-winner

Soccer results

Soccer Results				
	English Milk Cup			
Arsenal	1	Sheff. Wednesday		0
Liverpool	2	West Ham		1
	Division Three			
Orient	2	Portsmouth		1
	Division Four			
Bristol City	1	Tranmere		0

Souness sees Liverpool past gritty West Ham

LONDON, Jan. 19 (AFP) — Liverpool, the favorites, and Arsenal qualified for the semifinals of the Milk Cup (the renamed English League Cup competition), thanks to home wins over West Ham United and Sheffield Wednesday, Tuesday night.

The two other quarterfinals, between Manchester United and Nottingham Forest, and Tottenham Hotspur and Burnley, will be played Wednesday night. Twenty-four thousand fans braved a snow storm to see Liverpool get through 2-1 against West Ham. In the final count, it was a tragic error by the Londoners' goalkeeper, Phil Parkes, three minutes from the end, that gave the Cup-holders for the last two years, their victory.

Until then, Parkes had defied the "Reds" with a series of brave and agile saves on the slippery surface, but he allowed a low shot from Scottish international midfielder Graeme Souness, the Liverpool captain, to slide through his hands and under his body. Parkes had even managed to get his hands

to the 68th-minute shot from England full back Phil Neal, but David Hodgson rushed up to tap the rebound in the net to give the home team the lead. Five minutes later, however, Paul Allen intercepted a Liverpool pass and ran half the length of the pitch to equalize for the visitors.

It was England striker Tony Woodcock who put an end to the hopes of Second Division Sheffield Wednesday at Highbury. Woodcock's 69th-minute goal warmed the frozen 30,000 fans and came as a great relief to the "Gunners", who needed five attempts to triumph when the sides met in the F.A. Cup four years ago. Another stalemate was looking likely when Yugoslav import Vladimir Petrovic broke on the right.

Petrovic's first attempt at a center was charged down, but he made it at the second attempt with a high overhead kick that bounced into the area for Woodcock to stab home his 11th goal of the season and give Arsenal a 1-0 victory.

United runs into Forest

LONDON, Jan. 19 (AP) — Liverpool, in contention for four trophies, are 10 points clear at the top of the English First Division soccer standings, but manager Bob Paisley still is not completely satisfied with his team's current form.

"Our game has not been at its best in the last few matches," said Paisley, who retires at the end of the season. "We have needed a bit of character to win them. Whatever the position of the team, you have got to battle when things are not quite right and make your character cover up for that little bit of missing technique." Liverpool have showed their fighting qualities in their last two outings.

Ian Rush's last-minute goal gave the league champions a 1-0 win at West Bromwich Saturday and Graeme Souness hit an 88th-minute decider against West Ham Tuesday night.

Liverpool, who now are in the semifinals of the League Cup, the quarterfinals of the European Champions Cup and the fourth round of the F.A. Cup, are unbeaten at Anfield this season, but Paisley claims it is getting harder to maintain such standards.

"We are a nation that goes for the underdog. People are starting to say that if we get beaten it will be good for the game. We are handicapped because we are the team everyone wants to beat," he said.

Liverpool, with 10 wins and two draws from their 12 home league matches, host bottom club Birmingham Saturday. Ron Saunders' team are winless away this season. Phil Neal, the Liverpool and England right back, says that Saturday's match is the only current concern at Anfield. "The only important match is the next one," said Neal. "We don't

look too far ahead."

If Liverpool win Saturday, as is likely, their grip on the championship is certain to be strengthened. Second-placed Manchester United and third-placed Nottingham Forest meet at Old Trafford in a repeat of Wednesday night's League Cup quarterfinal. Fading Watford, currently in fourth place, are at home to Southampton.

Covebury, beaten only once at home this term and bidding for a place in Europe for the first time since 1971, entertain struggling Swansea City. Swansea manager John Toshack, one of the men who could succeed Paisley at Liverpool, makes no excuses for Swansea's current poor form.

"It is all down to bad management. I have not been performing well this season," admits honest Toshack. A team who have not been playing well are West Ham, losers of four straight matches. The east London club host West Bromwich Albion Saturday and manager John Lyall said: "We've just got to pick ourselves up and fight for one of the four UEFA Cup places."

With Swansea at Coventry, Birmingham at Liverpool and Sunderland visiting Tottenham, Brighton and Norwich both will be looking for home victories to move clear of the relegation quagmire. Norwich are at home to Everton, while Brighton entertain fellow-strugglers Luton.

Aston Villa return from facing Barcelona in the European Super Cup to face less exotic opposition in Manchester City, while Stoke's meeting with Ipswich and Notts County's match against Arsenal round out the First Division program.

Bruno batters Lithgo into submission

LONDON, Jan. 19 (Agencies) — Promising British heavyweight Frank Bruno scored his 11th straight win inside the distance when he beat fellow-countryman Stewart Lithgo after four rounds of their scheduled eight-round bout here Tuesday night.

The fight served as a prelude for Bruno, who returns next month for a 10-round clash against former European champion Alfredo Evangelista of Spain, who survived seven rounds against U.S. world champion Larry Holmes in 1978.

Lithgo, a former steeplechase jockey, conceded 20 pounds in weight to Bruno but carried the fight courageously to his more fancied opponent, whose previous longest fight ended in the fourth round against Ron Gibbs of the U.S. last May. But Lithgo took heavy punishment and was retired by his corner as he sat on his stool with a badly cut left eye after the fourth round, a decision which displeased the beaten boxer.

Mark Kaylor, the latest British midweight boxing hope, stretched his unbeaten run to 20 fights by outpointing Henry Walker of Los Angeles at the Royal Albert Hall.

The 21-year-old Kaylor had won 17 of his previous 19 bouts inside the distance and Walker, a widely experienced fighter, put him through a searching examination. However, the impressive young Briton came through the test convincingly, winning all 10 rounds of what was probably his hardest fight so far.

Britain's Tony Sibson is keeping a low profile as he prepares for next month's world middleweight title fight against Marvin Hagler in Worcester, Massachusetts. Trainer Ken Squires has suspended all interviews until he and Sibson fly to the U.S. at the end of the month.

The first odds offered for the fight show that the odds are already counting out the 24-year-old Englishman. The Leicester

boxer is 3-1 against, with Hagler 4-1 on.

Meanwhile, Puerto Rico's Sammy Serrano puts his World Boxing Association (WBA) junior lightweight crown on the line in San Juan Thursday night against Roger Mayweather of the United States. Serrano, 30, making his 15th title defense, has a 43-4-1 record, while the sixth-ranked Mayweather has won all 14 of his professional fights.

Neither boxer is expected to have any difficulty making the 130-pound limit for the bout at San Juan's Herman Bithorn Stadium. Neither is a devastating puncher. Serrano has scored only 16 knockouts and Mayweather eight. The 22-year-old challenger is expected to be the more aggressive boxer because of the champion's reputation as a counter-puncher and the Mayweather camp's belief that their man will need to win convincingly to earn a decision in Serrano's home country. The bout will be Serrano's first since his briefly lost his title last June to Benito Villablanca of Chile. The referee stopped the bout, but WBA reversed the decision.

BRIEFS

LONDON, (AFP) — Olympic 1,500 meters champion Schastian Coe competes for the first time this year when he runs in the British Indoor Athletics Championships at Cosford, near Wolverhampton, on Jan. 28-29. It will be Coe's first race since being astonishingly beaten by unheralded West German Hans-Peter Ferner in the 800 meters — one of his world record distances — at the European Championships in Athens last September.

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP) — Reigning All-England open champions Martin Dew and Gillian Gilks won their way into the quarterfinals in the mixed doubles event of the \$43,478 Yonex Cup Japan Open Badminton Championship here Wednesday.

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, (AFP) — Jan Raas of the Netherlands and Gert Frank of West Germany were leading the Rotterdam Six Days Cycling race at the end of the fifth day, Tuesday. Patrick Sercu of Belgium, whose Italian partner Maurice Bidinosti has gone down with influenza, formed a new team with West Germany's Horst Schuetz as fifth. Competitor Roman Hermann, the teammate of Schuetz, had withdrawn because of injury.

BERNE, (AFP) — The Women's Alpine Skiing downhill canceled at Schruns on Monday will now be held on Saturday at Megeve in the French Alps, the International Ski Federation announced.

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Against Pacers

Bird helps Celtics stage fine recovery

NEW YORK, Jan. 19 (AP) — Larry Bird scored 32 points, grabbed 12 rebounds and dished out seven assists Tuesday night to lead the Boston Celtics to a 130-123 National Basketball Association victory over the Indiana Pacers.

The Celtics' forward scored 17 of his points in the final period, leading his team back from a 15-point deficit. They began their rally with five minutes remaining.

Indiana had a seemingly safe lead at 111-94 early in the fourth quarter. And still led 118-103 before Boston started its rally. After a basket by Clark Kellogg, who led Indiana with 32 points and 16 rebounds, the Celtics ran off 12 straight points.

A shot by Robert Parish pulled Boston within one point, then M.L. Carr scored on a fast-break stuff for the Celtics' first lead since the second quarter. Two free throws by Bird put Boston ahead for good, at 125-122. Bird also had three steals and a blocked shot in his all-round performance.

76ers 98, Cavaliers 90: Andrew Toney scored 23 points and Moses Malone added 21 as Philadelphia tied a club record with its 12th straight victory. The winning streak improved the 76ers' record to an NBA-best 32-5 and matched a franchise mark attained in 1949 and again in 1980. It also matched the season's longest streak, set by Seattle.

Cleveland, coming off a 90-86 weekend upset of the Celtics, trailed 36-23 after one quarter, but then held Philadelphia to 14 second-quarter points for a 50-50 halftime tie. The 76ers went ahead to start the third period behind their two high scorers, Cleveland got 23 points from World B. Free.

Spurs 143, Nuggets 124: Gene Banks scored a career-high 30 points to lead San Antonio over Denver as the Spurs posted their highest point total of the season. With Banks, Mike Mitchell and George Gervin doing most of the scoring, San Antonio blitzed the Nuggets 29-15 over the first six minutes of the third period to gain control of the game.

Mitchell and Gervin supplemented Banks' scoring with totals of 26 and 25, respectively. San Antonio shot a crisp 55.1 percent from the floor. Forward Kiko Vandeweghe led Denver with 29 points.

Rockets 100, Bulls 98: Joe Bryant's driving layup at the buzzer lifted Houston over Washington as the Rockets broke a five-game losing streak and extended the Bulls' spin to six.

The Rockets, 6-32, led by as many as eight points in the fourth quarter. But Jeff Ruland brought the Bulls back to tie the game at 96 on a layup and free throw with 1:17 to play. It was another Ruland basket that later tied the game at 98 and set the stage for Bryant's winning shot. Allen Leavell paced Houston with 22 points.

Mavericks 112, Warriors 102: Mark Aguirre scored 30 points for Dallas and coach Dick Motta got his 600th NBA victory

as the Mavericks beat Golden State. Motta became the fifth coach in NBA history to win 600 games, joining Red Auerbach, Red Holzman, Jack Ramsay and Gene Shue.

Aguirre, one of the league's top forwards, reached the 30-point mark for a sixth straight game. Center Pat Cummings added a season-high 23 points for Dallas. The Mavericks went ahead to stay in the third period by outscoring the Warriors 32-25 to take an 81-77 lead. Cummings scored 12 points and Aguirre had 10 in that quarter.



Aguirre ... Mavericks' marvel

IOC initiates step for entry of soccer professionals

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 19 (Agencies) — The International Olympic Committee (IOC) will set up a joint working group with soccer officials to discuss a proposal to allow professionals to play in the soccer tournament of the Olympic Games here next year.

The IOC executive board, which opened a four-day meeting here Tuesday, has named four members to the working group which will discuss eligibility rules for players. IOC director Monique Berlioux told a news conference. She said the first meeting of the group, which would include four representatives of the International Football Federation (FIFA), would be held in Lausanne, Switzerland, on Feb. 14.

There are also proposals to allow highly-paid tennis stars to compete in the 1988 Olympics in Seoul and Mrs. Berlioux said a working group would be set up if necessary to discuss the issue. The IOC is keen to broaden the scope of the Olympic soccer tournament and FIFA has drawn up proposals to allow professionals to take part in the games so long as they have not played in the World Cup and have no commitments to endorse sportswear products.

Eastern European countries had been

expected to oppose the FIFA proposals and Mrs. Berlioux confirmed there was concern among some board members over the introduction of professional players in the tournament.

Meanwhile, preparations for the football tournament have run into problems which have left the FIFA exasperated. The latest suggestion from the Games Organizing Committee sees the football tournament split between two grounds on the west coast and two on the east.

The two on the east are the university sites of Harvard, near Boston and that of the capital Washington DC. On the west they are the university sites of Stanford, near San Francisco and at Pasadena, the site of the annual Rose Bowl American Football Classic.

FIFA Vice-President Artemio Franchi of Italy, however, is less than bappy with this setup. "It's a compromise solution which only goes halfway toward satisfying us," he complained. "First of all they offered us four stadiums on the west coast, three of which were not suitable. Then the organizing committee suggested four grounds on the east coast for all games

Meets McEnroe in Masters quarterfinals

Clerc takes Wilander in stride

NEW YORK, Jan. 19 (AFP) — Jose Luis Clerc of Argentina and Ecuador's Andres Gomez were the first to qualify for the quarterfinal of the \$400,000 Volvo Masters Tennis Tournament when they won their first round matches here Tuesday night.

Clerc used his powerful topspin groundstrokes to wear down Sweden's Mats Wilander. The Argentine player won the last six games for a 5-7, 6-4, 6-1 victory. In the final match of the evening at Madison Square Garden, Andres Gomez of Ecuador beat Jose Higuera of Spain 6-4, 6-2, 6-4.

Gomez, a newcomer to the Masters, like Wilander, suffered a disastrous bout of nerves in the first set, but pulled himself together dramatically. It was Gomez's fourth successive win over the bearded Spaniard.

The earlier two hours thirty minutes baseline battle, waged before 10,743 fans, earned Clerc the right to meet fourth-seeded John McEnroe of the U.S. in the quarterfinals Thursday night.

Clerc has defeated McEnroe in four of their seven meetings including a straight set triumph in this tournament two years ago. McEnroe, however, won their last meeting in the 1981 Davis Cup final in Cincinnati.

Gomez, 22, will face second-seeded Guillermo Vilas of Argentina on Thursday afternoon. Top-seeded Jimmy Connors of the U.S. and third-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia also received first round byes in the 12-player tournament.

The victory over the Swedish 18-year-old was a sweet one for the 24-year-old Clerc, as

he had lost to Wilander twice last year including a heart-breaking four-set match in the French Open semifinals. Wilander went on to win that tournament and become the youngest player ever to capture a Grand Slam singles title.

However, both of those losses were outdoors on clay courts where Wilander can use his speed, stamina and patience to outlast his opponents from the baseline. Tuesday's match was indoors on a medium fast supreme court where Wilander has found only moderate success in the past, suffering first round defeats three times last year.

Wilander, who eclipsed by two months the record set by his countryman Bjorn Borg in 1974 as the youngest player in the Masters, said: "Twice before I met Clerc it was outdoors, but it is a different type of game indoors because of the quickness and the atmosphere. I like outdoors more."

In the first two sets it appeared as if Clerc didn't want to win as he squandered leads of 3-1 and 5-4 in the opening set and let a 5-1 cushion shrink into a final verdict of 6-4 in the second set. In the final set there was no indication on Clerc's part. He constantly ran around his backhand to control the play with his thundering forehand as Wilander scurried behind the baseline in the hope of returning the ball.

In his three service games in the final set Clerc lost just three points. Wilander was able to win only eight points in the last six games of the match. "I thought I had a good chance going into the third set because I had played very good at the end of the second set," said Wilander, who committed two consecutive double faults to lose his serve in the third game.

Gomez attributed his first set slump to being overawed at playing in the prestigious Masters event for the first time. He also lacked practice, he said, and he felt from the beginning that he was capable of playing better.

He never expected to be beaten even after going down 6-0 in the first set. After breaking Higuera's service in the first game of the second set, Gomez knew he was still in with a chance of winning the match.

Scott makes it start to finish

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Jan. 19 (AP) — American Steve Scott won his third race in a row in a series of International Track and Field Meets in New Zealand when he beat a top-class field over 1,000 meters here Wednesday night.

Scott led from the gun to win in the respectable time of two minutes 20.11 seconds, biding off challenges from English teenager Peter Elliott, Irishman Ray Flynn and John Walker of New Zealand. "I didn't want to lead," he said. "I planned to follow, sit in behind out of the wind. I just off and everyone got in behind me."

Scott's earlier wins in the series were over 4,000 meters in Dunedin and 1,500 meters in Christchurch. He said he would run in the mile in Auckland on Saturday night where his strongest opponent is expected to be Walker, the former world record-holder, whose race Wednesday night was his first for the south-

ern season. They are also expected to resume their battle when the series crosses the Tasman to Australia next week.

Australian Jenny Flaherty again had to be content with second in the 100 meters sprint behind highly-ranked American Chandra Cheeseborough, but the American opted out of the 200 meters because of a groin injury and Flaherty won with ease.

Commonwealth heptathlon champion Glynis Nunn of Australia continued unbeaten in the series when she won the 400 meters in 56.18 seconds.

Canterbury's J. Leota bagged a rich double in the men's section when he won the 100 meters and 200 meters dash with relative ease. He clocked 10.99 seconds in the 100 meters, while timed 22.33 seconds in the 200 meters. New Zealanders S. Downey and A. Collins followed Leota in that order in both the events.



Nicklaus .. hopes to get off to bright start

Morgan 'hope' for rare feat

PALM SPRINGS, California, Jan. 19 (AP) — Gil Morgan, unbeaten for the season, will be seeking a rare, third consecutive victory this week in the enriched \$429,000 Bob Hope Desert Classic.

"I don't know what to expect," said the quiet, soft-spoken Morgan, a non-practicing optometrist, who was struggling through a 3 1/2-year victory drought before he opened the 1983 PGA tour with a playoff victory in Tucson.

He followed with his sixth career triumph — a victory that was somewhat overshadowed by Arnold Palmer's heroics — last week in the Los Angeles Open.

"There was a certain amount of pressure," Morgan said. "I'd never won two in a row before. Now, well, I don't know what to expect. I'd just like to keep it going. I still don't feel that I'm playing up to my ability, but, obviously, I'm scoring well."

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Morgan, who has collected \$108,000 for two weeks work, will have a shot at becoming the first since Gary Player in 1978 to win three consecutive titles when golf's longest tournament begins a five-day, 90-hole run Wednesday over four desert courses.

The unique format calls for the golfers to play one round on each of the course — La Quinta, Indian Wells, Bermuda Dunes and Tamarisk — each day with a different, three-man team of amateurs, many of whom are show-business friends of the host. After 72 holes, the amateurs are through and the field is cut to the low 70 pros for the final round at La Quinta.

Among the amateurs are former U.S. President Gerald Ford, speaker of the house Tip O'Neill, singer Glen Campbell, and actors Jack Lemmon and Telly Savalas.

Palmer, who won the Hope for the fifth time and scored his last PGA tour victory in 1973, had his strongest performance in several seasons last week in Los Angeles and is certain to draw a major portion of the gallery attention.

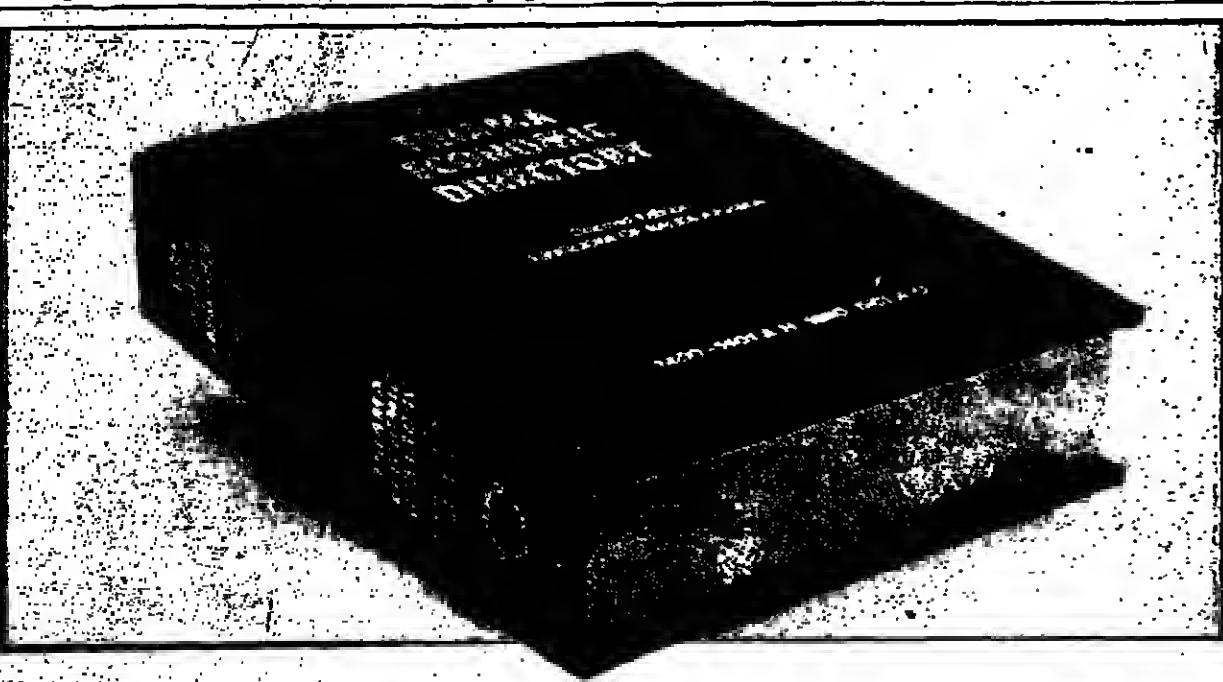
The 53-year-old Palmer was in title contention through 63 holes at Los Angeles, then backed off over the final nine holes. Jack Nicklaus, holder of a record 17 major professional titles, will open his year's campaign and said he is "looking forward to a very good season."

Rangers held

NEW YORK, Jan. 19 (AP) — Defenseman Kevin McCarthy's power-play goal in the third period, his third in two games, gave the Vancouver Canucks a 3-3 National Hockey League tie Tuesday night with New York Rangers.

Meanwhile, Toronto defenseman Dave Farrish's slap shot from the St. Louis Blue line midway through the third period eluded goaltender Mike Liut and gave the Toronto Maple Leafs a 4-4 tie with the Blues.

And, Tom Fergus scored on a rebound of a shot by Ray Bourque with 14 seconds remaining lifting the Boston Bruins to a 4-3 win over Montreal North Stars.



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Dubai to host chess festival

DUBAI, Jan. 19 (WAM) — The first UAE International Chess festival will be held in Dubai from Jan. 20 to Feb. 5. The English language daily *Gulf News* reported Monday.

Meanwhile, president of the West German Chess Federation, Metzger, and an official, Alfred Kinzel, arrived Monday to participate in the festival. They are in Dubai in an advisory capacity to the UAE Chess Association. The tournament is to be conducted under four categories: International Masters tournament; Open tournament for men; Lighting tournament and the Open competition for women.

Metzger, who is usually associated in organizing chess competitions, said West Germany will be well represented at the international masters tournament by grandmaster Lubron and international master Kindermann, who arrived along with other chess players on Jan. 18.

Meanwhile, a general meeting of the UAE Cycling Association with all those connected with the "Tour de Emirates" Cycling Race will take place in the association's headquarters in Dubai on Jan. 22. *Gulf News* reported. At its meeting Monday the association has set up various committees for the cycling event to be held from Jan. 24 to 28.

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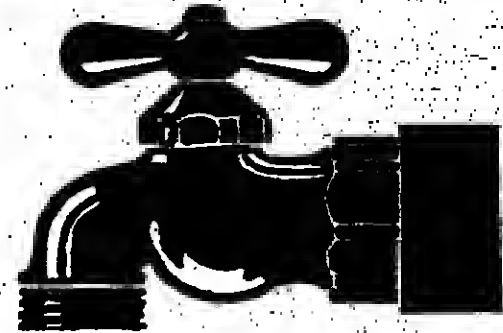
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Leaves for East Berlin

Gromyko, Genscher discuss Poland

BONN, Jan. 19 (AP) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko flew to East Berlin Wednesday after his three-day official visit here as West German Social-Democratic leader Hans Jochen Vogel expressed "optimism" on prospects of Soviet-U.S. disarmament talks.

Vogel, who is running for chancellor in March 6 elections, said after meeting Gromyko that he was even more optimistic than on his return from Moscow last week. "I am sure the Geneva negotiations between Washington and Moscow can work out," he said. Before flying to Berlin, Gromyko also had a final session with his West German counterpart, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, concentrating on Poland and Afghanistan.

Moscow is believed to favor Vogel for chancellor, preferring his views on the deployment of new Western nuclear missiles in Europe to those of Christian-Democratic Chancellor Helmut Kohl. But Soviet authorities do not want to prejudice their relationship with Kohl in the event that he retains power in the March elections, observers noted here. Gromyko, they said, took pains to assure Chancellor Kohl that the Soviet Union was prepared to follow the policy of détente that has characterized West German-Soviet relations for the past 10 years.

Current Soviet policy appears to be aimed first and foremost at West German public opinion which is largely hostile to the planned

deployment in the country later this year of 108 Pershing-2 and 96 cruise missiles by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

NATO has said it will deploy a total of 572 medium-range nuclear missiles in West Germany, Italy, Britain, Belgium and the Netherlands later this year if there is no progress at the Geneva talks.

In a message interpreted here as addressed chiefly to German voters, Gromyko said here that "Moscow cannot ignore the fact that West Germany is the only European state where the deployment of Pershing-2 missiles is planned — missiles that can hit strategic targets located deep inside Soviet territory within a matter of minutes."

At a press conference Tuesday after a meeting with Chancellor Kohl, Gromyko charged that the United States was responsible for the lack of any concrete progress at the Geneva talks that are set to resume Jan. 27.

In East Germany, Gromyko was thought likely to reaffirm Moscow's intention to pursue East-West dialogue while giving assurances that it would not allow itself to fall behind the West militarily.

East German leader Erich Honecker, meanwhile, has stressed on numerous recent occasions that deploying the NATO missiles in West Germany would block the development of normal relations between the two German states.

Reagan helps Percy to raise funds

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP) — To the dismay of conservatives, U.S. President Ronald Reagan is helping influential Senator Charles Percy raise \$1.2 million for his re-election campaign.

Reagan was flying to Chicago Wednesday to speak at the sold-out dinner for Percy, Republican Senator from Illinois and chairman of the important U.S. Senate Foreign Affairs Committee.

White House Deputy Press Secretary Larry Speakes said Percy was Reagan's "man on the hill on foreign policy. We don't have any complaints about Percy."

But some political conservatives are unhappy that Reagan will not even stop by a dinner for Representative Tom Corcoran, a conservative Illinois Republican who is considering running against Percy, a three-term incumbent, in 1984.

It's no small coincidence that the Corcoran-dinner is being held in the same hotel and at the same time as the Percy event. "We're trying to get the president's attention and (bring) attention to (Corcoran's) campaign," said Fran Griffin Gemma, a consultant for Corcoran.

White House political director Edward

Rollins said Percy's dinner was scheduled long before Corcoran's event was set up. Explaining Reagan's refusal to add the Corcoran dinner to his schedule, Speakes said "tacking anything on becomes insulting to Percy."

Corcoran, a four-term Congressman, is exploring running against Percy but has not announced a Senate campaign, a fact White House officials underscored as they explained Reagan's decision not to attend. About 20 conservatives are to meet this weekend in Dallas to discuss complaints against the Reagan administration and perhaps consider challenging Reagan if he seeks re-election in 1984.

Publicly and privately, White House officials said the administration has no problem with Percy, although they declined to label Reagan's appearance Wednesday night as an official endorsement of the Senator's re-election bid.

Kathy Lydon, a press spokeswoman for Percy, said the Senator was rated No. 1 in supporting Reagan, in terms of a voting analysis taken by *Congressional Quarterly*, a private publication, and distributed by the Senate Republican conference.

Envoy to form cabinet in Surinam

PARAMARIBO, Jan. 19 (AP) — Surinam's military government has recalled its ambassador to the Netherlands and instructed him "to look into the possibility of forming a government," the Surinam government information service reported Wednesday.

Ambassador Hank Herrenberg returned from the Netherlands earlier this week to meet with this country's strongman, Lt. Col. Desi Bouterse. Herrenberg is said to have accepted the task Bouterse assigned him, and was quoted in a statement as saying that his assignment "proves that the military intends exercising power together with the people."

A government spokesman explained that Herrenberg's job will be to see "that the people will be willing to participate and abide by the policies that the military will have drawn." "It is the people who will have to develop the country...under its own power. Help from abroad should only be complementary," Herrenberg added in his statement, the official news agency reported. The government information service said Herrenberg started to work "immediately" on the possibility of forming the new government. He was expected to "finish his task within a week," it said.



SIGHTSEEING — Jean Bourgeois, a Belgian climber of a French Everest team, missing on the mountain since Dec. 13, 1982, finally reappeared in Kathmandu on Jan. 14. He is sightseeing with some climbing gear.

Over shooting incident

Thailand protests to Laos

BANGKOK, Jan. 19 (AP) — Tension mounted Wednesday on Thailand's border with Laos after a shooting incident across the Mekong River which marks the frontier Monday.

A Thai Foreign Ministry spokesman said the Thai delegation now attending the 16th session of the Interim Mekong Committee in Vientiane had lodged a protest with the Lao government over the incident. The Lao Communist Party daily *Sieng Pasason*, quoted by the official Lao news agency KPL, monitored here, "strongly" condemned the incident, which it blamed on "imperialists, international reactionaries and other forces."

In a commentary Wednesday the newspaper said these forces were "out to create tension along the Lao-Thai border" and also blamed "a number of Thai reactionaries, henchmen of foreign countries, (who) have blindly attempted to destroy the good relations" of the two neighbors. "These hostile

acts committed by dirty hands in the Thai ruling class...are considered as an open challenge and provocation with regards to the relations between the two countries," *Sieng Pasason* added.

According to the paper's version, four Laos citizens were killed or injured on their side of the river when a Thai patrol boat opened fire on a family searching for the body of a Laos youth who had just drowned in the river. KPL Tuesday gave four dead and several wounded. The official Lao radio reported one dead and three wounded.

A Thai Foreign Ministry spokesman said the Thai side did not know the number of victims. It said the Thai delegation explained that the Thai River patrol had returned fire after being attacked by Lao soldiers with machinegun fire and rocket grenades.

Analysts here said *Sieng Pasason's* reference to "imperialist and reactionary forces" appeared to be directed at Thai-based counter-revolutionary Lao forces who have vowed to topple the Vientiane Communist regime.

Hunt continues for hijackers

BANGKOK, Jan. 19 (AP) — A 200-strong force of Thai police Wednesday launched a hunt for three hijackers who escaped after seizing a plane in northern Thailand Tuesday, amid speculation that opium warlord Khun Sa was behind the hijacking.

The three hijackers made off into the jungle Tuesday night after releasing their seven hostages without obtaining any of their demands — \$13,043 in cash, three parachutes and a helicopter. The hijackers, who were armed with hand grenades, pistols and knives, took over the short-330 propeller-driven plane around 11:45 a.m. (0445 GMT) shortly after it touched down at Chiang Mai Airport.

Thai commandos from Bangkok and local police surrounded the plane. The hijackers escaped before the troops stormed the plane. Latest reports said the three armed men were hiding out at Doi Kam, south of Chiang Mai Airport. They initially got away in a military truck which they abandoned for a passenger car.

Paris records 9 suicide-murders

PARIS, Jan. 19 (AP) — Nine persons, including six children, have died here in the past four days in suicide-murders involving three separate families.

The bodies of a 31-year-old single mother Martine Tangre, and her two children aged five years and three months, were discovered in their apartment Wednesday. The woman, who was on maternity leave, was believed to have shot her two children in the head over the weekend before turning the gun on herself.

The discovery followed the deaths Monday of two children, aged four and five, who were reportedly hanged by their father, Frantz Retour, a 43-year-old nurse in a psychiatric hospital. Retour, said to have been despondent over the recent suicide attempt of his wife, allegedly tried to slit his throat and to hang himself but was prevented from doing so by the arrival of firemen.

On Sunday, Jean Paul Cuisset, 48, was reported to have administered sleeping drugs to his wife and two children, 18 and 16, before stabbing them to death. He then committed suicide by asphyxiating himself in his car. A note left behind suggested that

the possibility that Khun Sa might have engineered the hijack was floated by Governor Chaiya Poomsiriwong of Chiang Mai Province, in the heart of the opium-rich "golden triangle," where the borders of Thailand, Laos and Burma meet.

Quoted by *The Bangkok Post* daily, the governor suggested the move was in retaliation to fierce Thai government operations against him last year. Khun Sa, who is estimated to control 70 percent of this drug trade from the tri-border area, was driven out of his northern Thailand stronghold in January last year. In October, Thai forces claimed to have eliminated three base camps and a heroin refinery in another blitz codenamed "great star."

At 50, the Shan trafficker is estimated to field up to 5,000 armed men under the umbrella of his Shan United Army (SUA), which claims to be fighting for independence from Bangkok.

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Cuisset was distressed over his wife's medical condition.

There are an estimated 10,000 suicides a year in France where the public is keenly aware of the despair that can be induced by economic hardship. There were 80 suicides last year among unemployed workers.

Marcos attacks Western media

MANILA, Jan. 19 (AP) — Western media does not understand or care about developing nations, Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos told a conference of ASEAN editors Wednesday.

He said the Third World was plagued by "biased and arrogant reporting by Western correspondents." "Within this closed world of big media, the center of the world is the West, and the rest of the world is periphery, the world of tribes, of the ignorant, of the deprived," Marcos told the opening of the first Association of Southeast Asian Nations Editors' Conference.

Irish Watergate unfolds

Police equipment used for taps by Haughey

DUBLIN, Jan. 19 (R) — In the latest of a series of scandals to rock Irish politics, the government announced Wednesday that police equipment was used for political bugging during the previous administration of Charles Haughey.

After a marathon cabinet meeting called to examine charges that the telephones of two prominent journalists were tapped during the term of the last government, Justice Minister Michael Noonan said that in a separate incident a police tape-recorder had been used to tap a political conversation. The taped conversation was later transcribed using police facilities, the statement said.

A government spokesman commented: "I don't know whether this was illegal, but it certainly seems highly irregular." The spokesman was unable to say when the bugging had taken place, or who was involved, but there was speculation in Dublin that it was one of a group of dissident members of Haughey's Fianna Fail Party who tried to unseat him on two occasions last year.

One of the most prominent anti-Haughey

members, George Colley, last year said he had been told of a bugging operation against him, during the previous administration, which was ousted by a Fine Gael-Labour coalition headed by Garret Fitzgerald after elections last November.

The cabinet session, which ended in the early hours of Wednesday morning after two meal breaks, failed to produce the expected confirmation of the telephone taps on the two journalists, both of whom had reported widely on the rift in Fianna Fail. But the Irish press, quoting informed sources, said there was evidence the eavesdropping operation affected a number of prominent politicians and journalists and was much more extensive than at first thought.

Newspapers said that while the taps on the two journalists were authorized by the previous government other operations were not. They predicted an "Irish Watergate" scandal was about to break over two ministries and the police. There was no official comment on the reports from the police or justice ministry.

By prosecutor

Bulgarian's release opposed

ROME, Jan. 19 (AP) — A prosecutor Tuesday recommended that the state reject a defense petition for the release of Sergei Ivanov Antonov, a Bulgarian charged with complicity in the shooting of Pope John Paul II, the Italian news agency Ansa reported.

State's Attorney Franco Scorza forwarded his opinion to the investigating magistrate who will make a decision within 10 days on whether to release Antonov, court officials said. Giuseppe Consolo, Antonov's lawyer, said he had not been informed of Scorza's opinion, but he would appeal any decision by Magistrate Martella against his client. "There is no evidence against my client," Consolo said in a telephone interview. "It may be a month, two months or a year but eventually the truth will come out."

Mehmet Ali Agca, serving a life sentence for attempted murder of the pope, told Italian investigators that Antonov and two other Bulgarians living in Rome helped him plan the attack and drove him to St. Peter's Square May 13, 1981, the day of the shooting, according to secret testimony leaked to the Italian press.

Agca received by memory several telephone numbers, including the number of the Bulgarian Embassy in Rome, and gave accurate descriptions of the furnishing of Antonov's house, according to the leaked testimony. Antonov is an employee of the Bulgarian state airline, Balkan Air. The other two Bulgarians, Todor Aivazov and Maj. Zhelyo Vasilev, former employees of the Bulgarian Embassy, are in Bulgaria. Aivazov has diplomatic immunity. A warrant has been issued for Vasilev's arrest.

Under Italian law, both the state's attorney — in this case Scorza — and the magistrate — in this case Martella — carry out criminal investigations. In addition to his role as a chief investigator, Martella has the power to judge on cases in which the defense has asked for the release of a client. Martella also has the power to indict. If Martella rules

Antonov, his lawyers may appeal to the Court of Liberty for his release.

Antonov's lawyers have maintained their client's innocence since his arrest in Rome Nov. 25, and asked for his release because of lack of evidence. They produced 10 alibis that said they saw Antonov on May 13, the day of the shooting, and on the two days immediately preceding the attack. The alibis said Antonov was in his office at Balkan Air, at the Bulgarian Embassy or at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport.

Argentina said planning new Falklands attack

NEW YORK, Jan. 19 (AP) — U.S. intelligence sources say Argentina may be preparing to attack British targets in the Falkland Islands again. CBS news reported Wednesday.

Argentina has replenished its air force with new French fighter aircraft capable of firing the sea-skimming Exocet missiles that sank two British ships during the 74-day war in the South Atlantic last spring, the network reported. "We did not identify the sources for its report, describing them only as analysts or U.S. intelligence sources."

CBS quoted the analysts as saying commando raids in the Falklands are more likely than full-scale attacks on the British garrison. The war broke out April 2 when Argentina, which calls the islands the Malvinas, invaded the South American archipelago in a sovereignty dispute with Britain.

The war cost 255 British and 712 Argentine lives before it ended with a British victory. Britain now maintains a large garrison on its colony, which is 12,874 kms from London.

Walesa disputes shipyard's stand

WARSAW, Jan. 19 (APF) — Lech Walesa, head of the dissolved Solidarity organization, Wednesday handed in a letter to the personnel office of the Gdansk Lenin Shipyard explaining the legal basis for his request to return to work there, according to a telephone conversation between Warsaw and Walesa's home in Gdansk.

Sources close to Walesa said the letter was in reply to one he had received from the shipyard following his initial request to be given back his job as a shipyard electrician. Walesa was turned back at the shipyard late Friday.

In the letter, Walesa disputed the shipyard management's right under the labor laws to ask him for a certificate from his previous workplace — Solidarity headquarters. Since the independent trade union federation was outlawed under martial law, it has been administered by a liquidator.

Walesa's letter also noted that he is still an employee of the shipyard, where he was a trade union delegate. The fact of being a delegate, he said, did not constitute a change in his professional status.

Meanwhile, PAP news agency Tuesday night issued a "sharp protest" over the U.S. decision to expel PAP's U.S. correspondent, Stanislaw Glabinski. PAP said the expulsion was "clearly dictated by a spirit of revenge."

Announcing the expulsion in Washington, U.S. State Department spokesman John Hughes said the move followed Poland's decision to expel United Press International (UPI) correspondent Ruth Gruber. He added the U.S. would accredit a new correspondent since Warsaw had said it would accept a new UPI bureau chief.

Glabinski must leave the U.S. by Thursday.

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